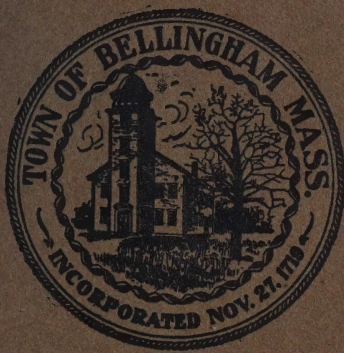


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Town Officers for the Year 1915.

TOWN CLERK.

*HENRY A. WHITNEY,
**† LEWIS E. WHITING, *pro tem*,
**PERCY C. BURR, *pro tem*.

TOWN TREASURER.

WALTER H. THAYER.

SELECTMEN.

HAROLD M. BULLARD,
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY, STEPHEN E. SCOTT.

ASSESSORS.

CARROLL E. WHITE,	Term expires March, 1916
ORVILLE C. RHODES,	Term expires March, 1917
TIMOTHY E. FOLEY,	Term expires March, 1918

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

OTTO L. BULLARD,	Term expires March, 1916
EMERY B. WHITING,	Term expires March, 1917
DAVID G. JONES,	Term expires March, 1918

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

CHESTER H. RICHARDS,	Term expires March, 1916
HENRY McCARTHY,	Term expires March, 1917
DAVID G. JONES,	Term expires March, 1918

AUDITOR.

HAROLD G. SACKETT.

*Deceased. †Resigned. **Appointed.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

WALTER H. THAYER.

TREE WARDEN.

*HENRY A. WHITNEY, **LEWIS E. WHITNEY.

FENCE VIEWERS.

MAURICE J. CONNOLLY, ORVILLE C. RHODES,
CLINTON O. WHITNEY.

CONSTABLES.

MOISE CHAMPAGNE, DENNIS F. MURPHY,
FRED B. ROGERS, †ROMULUS STEWART.
**JAMES A. SPENCER.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

ALICE A. BURR, Term expires March, 1916
BERTHA FRANKLIN, Term expires March, 1916
OLIVE COOK, Term expires March, 1917
DAVID G. JONES, Term expires March, 1917
SUSAN C. FAIRBANKS, Term expires March, 1918
WILLIAM W. WAKEMAN, Term expires March, 1918

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

*HENRY A. WHITNEY, Term expires March, 1916
ORVILLE C. RHODES, Term expires March, 1917
S. FRED METCALF. Term expires March, 1918
LEWIS E. WHITNEY.

*Deceased. †Resigned. **Appointed.

Appointments by the Selectmen, 1915.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

STEPHEN E. SCOTT.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN.

L. FRANCIS THAYER.

FIELD DRIVERS.

PATRICK O'NEIL, JOSEPH PALMER,
NATHANIEL W. PICKERING.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

ELBRIDGE A. RHODES, L. FRANCIS THAYER,
HARRY E. CAMP, HIRAM E. CROOKS,
OTTO L. BULLARD, EDWIN Z. IRONS.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

HAROLD M. BULLARD, CLARENCE A. CROOKS,
LUMAN R. CAMP, L. FRANCIS THAYER,
ERNEST T. CAMP, FRANK H. WILLIAMS.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

ELI E. COOK.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

CARROLL E. WHITE.

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING.

CARROLL E. WHITE.

AUCTIONEER.

*HENRY A. WHITNEY, CARROLL E. WHITE.

*Deceased.

POLICE OFFICERS.

ARTHUR L. WARREN, FRANK E. ARNOLD,
WILLIAM R. NAUGHTON, MICHAEL KENNEDY,
WILLIAM H. HAYNES, MAURICE FITZPATRICK,
ELROY G. STODDARD, JAMES A. SPENCER.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 4TH OF JULY.

JOHN G. BROWN, JOHN McMAHAN.

DOG OFFICER.

†ROMULUS STEWART, JAMES A. SPENCER.

SEXTONS.

ORVILLE C. RHODES, *HENRY A. WHITNEY,
S. FRED METCALF, HENRY W. PICKERING,
 LEWIS E. WHITNEY.

BURIAL AGENT.

*HENRY A. WHITNEY, LEWIS E. WHITNEY.

AGENT IN CARE OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES.

*HENRY A. WHITNEY, LEWIS E. WHITNEY.

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION AGENT.

PERCY C. BURR.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

ALBERT G. MOWRY, Term expires March, 1916

†PERCY C. BURR, Term expires March, 1917

MICHAEL F. RYAN, Term expires March, 1918

CARROLL F. WHITE, Term expires March, 1917

*Deceased. †Resigned.

INSPECTOR FOR GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS.

*HENRY A. WHITNEY, LEWIS E. WHITNEY.

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS, MARCH MEETING, 1915.

MICHAEL F. RYAN, LEWIS E. WHITNEY,

JOHN H. FOLEY, WILLIS L. COOK,

MICHAEL J. SMITH, ORVILLE C. RHODES,

JOHN MCCARTHY, CARROLL F. WHITE.

PRIMARY MEETING, SEPT. 20, 1915.

ORVILLE C. RHODES, JOHN H. FOLEY,

FRED RHODES, MICHAEL J. SMITH.

NOVEMBER ELECTION, 1915.

MICHAEL F. RYAN, WILLIS L. COOK,

MICHAEL J. SMITH, CARROLL F. WHITE,

JOHN H. FOLEY, ORVILLE C. RHODES.

WILLIAM P. O'CONNELL, WESLEY E. HOWES.

*Deceased.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

DOGS LICENSED IN BELLINGHAM.

FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING DEC. 1, 1914, TO DEC. 1, 1915.

Male dogs 104, at \$2.00 each,	\$208 00	
Spayed dogs 4, at \$2.00 each,	8 00	
Female dogs 8, at \$5.00 each,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$256 00
For registering 116, at 20c each,		23 20
		<hr/>
Paid County Treasurer,		\$232 80

HUNTERS' LICENSED.

FROM JAN. 1, 1915, TO JAN. 1, 1916,

93 Resident Hunters' Certificates at		
\$1.00 each,	\$93 00.	
1 Non-Resident Hunters' Certificates		
at \$10.00 each,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$103 00
For Registering 94 at 15c each,		14 10
		<hr/>
Paid Commissioners of Fisheries and Game,		\$88.90

PERCY C. BURR,

Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Marriages Recorded in Bellingham, for Years 1914—1915.

Date	Name	Residence	Married By
1915			
Jan. 28	David Chester Mallory, Louise Ober,	Franklin, Bellingham	Rev. Daniel Scannell, at Franklin.
Feb. 8	Odilas Moreau, Dora Boiteau,	Woonsocket, R. I., Bellingham,	Rev. Mederic Roberge, at Woonsocket, R. I.
April 4	Michael Weaver, Mary Ellen Kiernan,	Bellingham, Bellingham,	Rev. Martin J. Lee, at Medway.
April 19	David Alexander Derrosier, Catherine Veromia Ferguson,	Woonsocket, R. I., Bellingham,	Rev. T. F. Winn, at Woonsocket, R. I.
May 12	Charles E. Cross, Ella M. Nystrom,	Bellingham, Bellingham,	Rev. William Hodge, at Franklin.
June 1	Frank L. Knox, Caroline Trask,	Concord, N. H., Bellingham,	Rev. Wm. W. Wakeman, at Bellingham.
Aug. 8	Peter Bodreau, Florence Chapdelaine,	Bellingham, Bellingham,	Rev. Martin J. Lee, at Bellingham.
Aug. 14	Lawrence Mason, Alice Peabody Cleveland,	Bellingham, Danvers,	Rev. Albert W. Moore, at Danvers.
Aug. 30	Harry Webster Metcalf, Florence Farr,	Bellingham, Bellingham,	Rev. Henry F. Burdon, at Bellingham.
Sept. 4	John Marsh, Mary Viall Davis,	Medway, Bellingham,	Rev. Ansley E. Woodsum, at Medway.
Sept. 13	Joseph Edmund Larose, Elizabeth Bergeron,	Woonsocket, R. I., Bellingham,	Rev. M. W. A. Prince, at Woonsocket, R. I.
Oct. 24	George C. Blanchard, Pheobe A. Casey,	Bellingham, Bellingham,	Rev. Martin J. Lee, at Medway.
Oct. 31	Joseph Bosteau, Elizabeth Cote (Germaine),	Bellingham, Woonsocket, R. I.,	Rev. Camilla Villiard, at Woonsocket, R. I.
Nov. 25	William A. Kiernan, Della C. Paul,	Bellingham, Bellingham,	Rev. Martin J. Lee, at Medway.
Oct. 25	Wilber George, Agnes Savoie,	Mohegan, R. I., Bellingham,	Rev. Martin J. Lee, at Medway.
Nov. 25	John O'Rourke, Annie Haffernan,	Milford, Bellingham,	Rev. Martin J. Lee, at Medway.
Dec. 18	Walter J. Hackenson, Ella Dorothy Nordstrom,	Milford, Bellingham,	Rev. Henry F. Fister, at Bellingham.

Births Recorded in Bellingham, 1914--1915.

Date	Name	Name of Parents
1914.		
May		
16.	Edith Thayer Camp,	Ernest T. and Ida L. (Metcalf).
1915.		
Jan.		
9.	——— Robertson,	James E. and Isabel M. (Tarrago).
23.	Joseph Sandroski.	Paul and Buma (Kouloss)
24.	Edmond Hillaiaic Painchand,	Joseph E. and Clara (Charpentire).
Feb.		
2.	Willard Cook,	Waldo I. and Ethel A. (Pickering).
2.	Waldo Cook.	Waldo I. and Ethel A. (Pickering).
22.	Arthur Leas Bernbe,	Leas and Delia (St. Pierre).
Apr.		
2.	——— Brothers,	Joseph D. and Lucinda (Dostoler).
2.	Florence Juanita Roberts,	Bertram M. and Annette (Lindreth).
10.	Leona Pearl Stoddard,	Elroy G. and Mary Jane (Starling).
15.	——— Lipsette,	Edward D. and Flora E. (Wales).
22.	Jane Ann Hart,	John W. and Rebecca S. (King).
23.	Mary Jeanette Plouffe,	Joseph and Anna (Maynard).
May		
2.	Bridget Radlo,	Anthony and Victoria (Karlblowski)
25.	——— Stockton,	James and Elizabeth (Addison).
27.	Hilda Bodreau,	William and Emma (Rivers).
June		
4.	Russell Harry Chase,	Harry E. and Zella (Whiting).
9.	Mary Lucille Carlin,	George and Alice (Miett).
13.	——— Cross,	Charles E. and Ella M. (Nystrom).
27.	Archie Arthur Chevette,	Archie and Ida (Fournier).
July		
11.	Henri Joseph Gingras,	Joseph and Marie (Menard).
Aug.		
6.	Charles Smithlin,	Charles N. and Charlotte A. (Schuff).
12.	Marie Rosalma Leona Pelletier,	Wilfred and Georgiana (Courchesne).
Sept.		
19.	——— O'Brien,	John J. and Mary (Casey).
19.	Curtis A. Palmer,	Joseph A. and Gertrude E. (Estes).
Oct.		
5.	Wilson Caselli,	Renato and Adelle (Brunetti).
20.	William Arthur McKinley,	Arthur W. and Effie Annie (McDonald).
28.	——— Please,	Nelson and Mary (Snay).
Nov.		
1.	——— Nodolin,	Joseph and Brunstal (Starkelick).
8.	Josie Olifirwicz,	Felix and Josie (Zywoskie).
Dec.		
6.	——— Bennett,	Thomas and Clara (Bonoyer).

Deaths Recorded in Bellingham, 1915.

Date 1915	Name	Age			Cause of Death
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan.					
3.	Henry Cook,	84	2	7	Loba pneumonia.
8.	Joseph Alfred Paulin,	—	—	26	Capillary bronchitis.
9.	Julia S. Spear,	74	6	1	Cancer stomach.
14.	Edwin Morton Taft,	47	3	8	Loba pneumonia.
Feb.					
5.	Bridget Sears,	65	7	5	Cancer of liver.
13.	Joel J. Clark,	65	—	6	Cerebral hemorrhage.
16.	Pol Sondrowsky,	—	—	21	Loba pneumonia.
Mch.					
11.	Ida May Stusse,	37	10	25	Acute loba pneumonia.
21.	Edward B. O'Rourke,	29	11	23	Phthisis pulmonalis.
Apr.					
6.	John Collins,	72	6	26	Bronchitis arterio sclerosis.
11.	Julia Clark,	—	—	—	Loba pneumonia.
12.	Martha Rebecca Care,	45	1	—	Cerebral hemorrhage.
12.	Mary Isabel Fitzpatrick,	25	3	25	Appendicitis.
14.	Adeline Gelina,	72	—	—	Acute endocarditis.
15.	Dexter D. Bates,	78	11	—	Valvular heart disease.
16.	Abbie Dickenson Brown,	57	10	7	Diabetis melitus.
May					
7.	Geo. Alfred Ober,	11	8	16	Accidental fracture of temporal bone, kicked by horse.
16.	Harris Elizabeth Morris,	6	11	1	Diabetis melitus.
17.	Marie Rose Adams,	3	—	3	Broncho pneumonia.
18.	Edward Dooley,	66	—	—	Loba pneumonia.
28.	Mary Arnold Jencks,	93	6	10	Old age, acute bronchitis.
June					
12.	Annette Lois Metcalf,	63	3	1	Acute Bright's disease.
24.	Felix Garripey,	75	—	—	Chronic endocarditis.
25.	Harold Bennett Jackson,	25	—	25	Phthisis tuberculosis pulmo.
26.	———— Levesque,	—	—	—	Still born.
July					
1.	Alphonse Bernier,	—	2	—	Cholera infantum.
Aug.					
26.	Conia Arthur Cartier,	1	4	14	Cholera infantum.
Sept.					
1.	Emma M. Whitney,	55	7	27	Cerebral hemorrhage.
6.	Wilson Averill,	78	—	—	Valvular heart disease.
14.	Elizabeth Schneider,	78	—	21	Strangulated hernia.
19.	Delina St. Pierre Cote,	58	—	—	Chronic bronchitis.
19.	Henry Dufour,	73	—	—	Pneumonia.
20.	Henry A. Whitney,	73	2	18	Disease of the heart.
Oct.					
1.	Oliver J. Fisher,	64	6	7	Acute cystitis and hiccoughs.
27.	Joseph Sylvia L. Marchand,	—	1	27	Cholera infantum.
20.	Maurice Fitzpatrick,	69	11	6	Natural causes, heart trouble.
Nov.					
17.	Lillian May Christiansen,	4	5	30	La grippe.
24.	Cecile Berube,	7	5	2	Tabes mesenteria and appendicitis.
Dec.					
7.	Miranda Louise Miller,	70	—	—	Arterio sclerosis, mitral stenosis.
12.	Evelina Angelia Estes,	63	3	10	Erysipilas and myocarditis.
14.	Charles H. T. Burr,	53	6	12	Homicide, bullet wound of brain.

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 1, 1915.

Agreeable to a warrant issued by the Selectmen of the Town of Bellingham, Feb. 15, 1915, and proper returns made thereon, the legal voters met in the Town Hall on the 1st day of March, 1915, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and proceeded to business by the Clerk reading the warrant.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting. Warren E. Fairbanks was chosen.

Article 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following Town Officers for one year: Town Clerk for 1 year; Town Treasurer for 1 year; 3 Selectmen for 1 year; 1 Overseer of Poor for 3 years; 1 Assessor for 3 years; 1 School Committee for 3 years; 4 Constables for 1 year; 2 Library Trustees for 3 years; 3 Fence Viewers for 1 year; 1 Tree Warden for 1 year; 1 Cemetery Committee for 3 years; 1 Collector of Taxes for 1 year; 1 Auditor for 1 year. Also on same ballot to answer the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" "Yes" or "No".

Cards of instruction and sample ballots had been posted in their proper places and the election officers had qualified for their duties and balloting commenced. At 1 o'clock p. m. the Moderator considered it best to take out 150 ballots and set the Tellers to counting.

At 2 o'clock p. m. it was voted to keep the polls open until 4 o'clock p. m. At 3.45 it was voted to keep the polls open till 4.30 p. m. At 3.45 o'clock 50 ballots were taken from the box. At 4.30 o'clock p. m. the polls were closed. Each check list showed 245 names checked and ballot box registered the same number. Ballots were sorted and counted and declaration made by the Town Clerk of the result of the ballot, and the Moderator declared the election. The result of balloting recorded at end of this report.

Article 3. To hear the reports of the several Boards of Town Officers.

The reports of the Town Clerk, Auditor, Selectmen, Inspector of Animals, Inspector of Slaughtering and Pro-

visions, Tree Warden, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Overseers of the Poor, Memorial Day Committee, Assessors, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Library Trustees and School Committee were taken in succession and each was voted to be "accepted as printed".

Article 4. Appropriations voted.

1. For Schools, the income and	\$6,600 00
2. For the Poor, the income and	1,400 00
3. For the Highways, (repairs) income from other sources and	1,500 00
4. For Highways, (permanent work) if the State will appropriate the same amount,	1,000 00
5. Repairs of Town Buildings,	200 00
6. To pay Town Officers,	1,300 00
7. Incidentals,	500 00
8. Street lighting,	1,400 00
9. Printing,	250 00
10. Interest,	800 00
11. Town debt,	
12. Insurance,	225 00
13. Repairs in the cemeteries,	30 00
14. Memorial Day,	50 00
15. Public Library, the income and	350 00
16. Indigent Soldiers' aid,	50 00
17. State aid,	500 00
18. Tree Warden,	225 00
19. Destruction of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths,	125 00
20. Board of Health,	150 00
21. Suppression of illegal sale of liquors or other nuisances,	250 00
22. Emergency fund,	400 00
23. Forest Fire Warden and equipment,	500 00

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take for purchasing a stone crusher.

Voted to pass over.

Article 6. To see what action the Town will take for installing a water system in the Town House.

Voted, that it is the sense of this meeting that the Selectmen expend not over \$125.00 from the Incidental fund for this purpose.

Article 7. To see what action the Town will take for the election of Selectmen for the term of three years.

Voted, that the Town elect a Board of Selectmen according to Chapter 11, Section 367 of the supplement to the Revised Laws, to take effect next year.

Article 8. To see what action the Town will take for the election of 3 Road Commissioners.

Voted to pass over.

Article 9. To see what action the Town will take to discontinue that part of the highway known as O'Neil avenue in the north end of the town.

Voted to discontinue the same.

Article 10. To see what action the Town will take to establish a salary for the Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Voted to leave it with the Selectmen.

Article 11. To see if the Town will appropriate money for the maintenance and care of the graves of all soldiers and sailors who served in the Civil and Spanish-American wars.

Voted that the sum of \$25 be raised to put them in proper condition and left in the hands of the Cemetery Committee.

Article 12. To see what action the Town will take for additional street lighting.

Referred to Street Lighting Committee.

Article 13. To see if the Town will appropriate money to build a new bridge on Maple Street over the Charles river at the North End, or act or do anything thereon.

Voted to pass over.

Article 14. To see if the Town will take any action relating to the petition of the County Commissioners and Selectmen for a State Highway in the main highway leading from the Boston line in Dedham through Dedham, Westwood, Walpole, Dover, Medfield, Millis, Medway and Bellingham.

Voted to heartily endorse the Article and that the Selectmen do all they can to accomplish the object.

Article 15. To see what action the Town will take to raise and appropriate \$125 for the George Washington Memorial Building in Washington, D. C.

Voted the Article rejected and dismissed,

Article 16. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised shall be collected and paid into the treasury.

Voted to pass over.

Article 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of revenue.

Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1st, 1915, to an amount not exceeding \$14,000, and issue a note or notes therefor, payable in one year; any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be taken from said revenue.

Article 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to use all means of collecting the Taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed Collector and to establish a Collector's salary.

Voted the Collector the authority asked, and that his salary be 1 per cent. of all taxes committed to him and his printing and stamps.

Article 19. To see if the Town will allow any bills that may be presented,

Voted the bill of Henry A. Whitney of \$4.00 for burial of Asenath E. Taylor, who died Nov. 29, 1910, be paid.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to pay for Surety Bonds for Treasurer and Collector.

Voted to pay for the same.

THE VOTE CAST.

TOWN CLERK.

Henry A. Whitney,	199
Blanks,	46
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	245

TREASURER.

Walter H. Thayer,	190
Blanks,	55
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	245

SELECTMEN.

Harold M. Bullard,	105
Percy C. Burr,	73
Walter E. Cook,	100
Michael J. Kennedy,	164
Joseph A. Palmer,	14
Stephen E. Scott,	107
Joseph H. Surpenant,	27
Blanks,	143
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	733

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

David G. Jones,	170
Blanks,	75
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	245

ASSESSOR.

Timothy E. Foley,	198
Blanks,	47
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	245

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

David G. Jones,	165
Blanks,	80
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	245

AUDITOR.

Harold G. Sackett,	164
Blanks,	81
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	245

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Walter H. Thayer,	188
Blanks,	57
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	245

TREE WARDEN.

Henry A. Whitney,	185
Blanks,	60
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	245

FENCE VIEWERS.

Maurice Connolly,	170
Orville C. Rhodes,	166
Clinton O. Whitney,	163
Blanks,	231
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	730

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

S. Fred Metcalf,	147
Blanks,	98
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	245

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Susie C. Fairbanks,	160
William W. Wakeman,	148
Blanks,	182
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	490

CONSTABLES.

Moise Champagne,	138
Dennis F. Murphy,	148
Joseph A. Palmer,	96
Fred B. Rogers,	146
Romulus Stewart,	125
Blanks,	327
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	980

LICENSE.

Yes,	58
No,	154
Blanks,	33
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	245

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

PETITION FOR A RECOUNT.

BELLINGHAM, MASS., March 3, 1915.

I hereby petition for a recount of votes cast for Selectmen, believing there is an error in counting.

WALTER E. COOK.

William A. Noble,	David G. Jones,
Warren E. White,	Frank P. Schofield,
Ruel F. Thayer,	William W. Wakeman,
L. Francis Thayer,	Walter W. Lantz,
Frank R. Mowry,	Willis L. Cook,
	Romulus P. Stewart.

NORFOLK, SS.

March 4, 1915.

Personally appeared Willis L. Cook, one of the signers, and made oath to the above statement.
Before me,

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Justice of the Peace.

Agreeable to the foregoing petition the Moderator called a meeting for Saturday evening, March 6, 1915, at 7 o'clock p. m., at the Town Office. At the time called Mr. Cook presented Mr. Vincent of Milford as counsel. Mr. Bullard was represented by Mr. Hodgson. Mr. Fairbanks as Moderator had charge, and he had Chester A. Richards to check for him. The result was:

Harold M. Bullard	had	105 votes
Percy C. Burr	"	73 "
Walter E. Cook	"	100 "
Michael J. Kennedy	"	164 "
Joseph A. Palmer	"	14 "
Stephen E. Scott	"	107 "
Joseph H. Suprenant	"	27 "
Blanks		145 "
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		735

A true record.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

PRIMARY MEETING.

NORFOLK, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the twenty-first day of September, A. D. 1915, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the nomination of candidates of the Political Parties for the following offices:

Governor for this Commonwealth; Lieutenant-Governor for this Commonwealth; Secretary for this Commonwealth; Treasurer and Receiver General for this Commonwealth; Auditor for this Commonwealth; Attorney Gen-

eral for this Commonwealth; Senator for the 2d Norfolk District; Representative in General Court for the 12th Representative District; County Commissioner for Norfolk County; County Treasurer for Norfolk County; Councilor for the 2nd Norfolk District; State Committee; Sheriff for Norfolk County, and for the election of the following officers: 9 members Democratic Town Committee; 9 members Republican Town Committee; members Progressive Party Town Committee; Delegates to the State Conventions of Political Parties. All the above candidates and officers to be voted for upon one ballot. The polls will be open from 4 o'clock until 8 o'clock p. m., and you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town at the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands at Bellingham this 13th day of September, A. D. 1915.

HAROLD M. BULLARD,
STEPHEN E. SCOTT,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

NORFOLK, SS. BELLINGHAM, SEPT. 14, 1915.

By virtue of this Warrant I have posted attested copies in places designated in said Town seven days before Sept. 21.

Attest :

JAMES A. SPENCER,
Constable of Bellingham.

A true copy.

Attest :

LEWIS E. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk, *Pro Tem.*

SEPT. 21, 1915.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the legal voters assembled and at 4.05 o'clock p. m. the Clerk read the Warrant. Orville C. Rhodes and John H. Foley had charge of

the ballots, Fred Rhodes and Michael J. Smith had charge of the ballot box. Balloting closed at 8 o'clock p. m., and there were found two Progressive Party ballots, nine Democratic ballots and sixty-three Republican ballots in the box; they were canvassed, the result declared as follows :

PROGRESSIVE PARTY.

GOVERNOR.

Nelson B. Clark,	2
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STATE COMMITTEE.

Hadley D. Perkins,	1
Henry W. Pickering,	1
William W. King,	1
Blanks,	3

TOWN COMMITTEE.

Henry W. Pickering,	1
Hadley D. Perkins,	1
William W. King,	1
George R. Howarth,	1
Blanks,	5

DEMOCRATIC.

GOVERNOR.

David I. Walsh,	9
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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Edward P. Barry,	8
Blanks,	1

SECRETARY.

Edwin A. Grosvenor,	8
Blanks,	1

TREASURER.

Henry L. Bowles,	7
Blanks,	2

AUDITOR.

Jacob C. Morse,	7
Blanks,	2

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Joseph Joyce Donahue,	6
Harold Williams, Jr.,	1
Blanks,	2

COUNCLLOR FOR 2ND DISTRICT.

Charles W. Guy,	3
William L. Murray,	4
Blanks,	2

REPRESENTATIVE FOR 12TH DISTRICT.

Carroll E. White,	1
Blanks,	8

SHERIFF FOR NORFOLK COUNTY.

Samuel H. Capen,	5
Blanks,	4

STATE COMMITTEE.

Daniel A. Pendergast,	4
Blanks,	5

TOWN COMMITTEE.

Michael F. Ryan,	7
Percy C. Burr,	5
Patrick O'Neil,	7
Michael J. Smith,	5
James E. Flannagan,	5
Michael Kennedy,	7

John T. Murphy,	5
Timothy E. Foley,	7
John F. Foley,	7
Blanks,	24

REPUBLICAN.

GOVERNOR.

Grafton D. Cushing,	24
Eugene N. Foss,	8
Samuel W. McCall,	17
Blanks,	14

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Calvin Coolidge,	29
Guy A. Ham,	13
Blanks,	21

SECRETARY.

Albert P. Langtry,	34
Blanks,	29

TREASURER.

Charles L. Burrill,	37
Blanks,	29

AUDITOR.

Edward C. R. Bagley,	10
Alonzo B. Cook,	16
Samuel W. George,	5
Blanks,	32

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Henry C. Atwill,	31
Blanks,	32

COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT.

Richard F. Andrews,	12
Clarence A. Barnes,	15
William O. Faxon,	4
Blanks,	32

SENATOR 2ND DISTRICT.

Orion T. Mason,	38
Blanks,	25

REPRESENTATIVE 12TH DISTRICT.

Horace W. Hosie,	9
Carroll E. White,	50
Blanks,	4

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Evan T. Richardson,	34
Blanks,	29

COUNTY TREASURER.

Henry D. Humphrey,	33
Blanks,	30

SHERIFF NORFOLK COUNTY.

Samuel H. Capen,	30
Blanks,	33

STATE COMMITTEE.

Harlie E. Thompson,	27
Blanks,	36

STATE CONVENTION.

Addison E. Bullard,	23
Blanks,	40

TOWN COMMITTEE.

Carroll E. White,	33
Wesley E. Howes	28
Napoleon Gelinar,	29
Albert G. Mowry,	29
David G. Jones,	29
Henry A. Whitney,	25
Harold M. Bullard,	30
Chester H. Richards,	30
Clinton O. Whitney,	30
Blanks,	304

A true copy.

Attest :

LEWIS E. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk, *Pro Tem.*

NOVEMBER MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS;

NORFOLK, SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,

Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bellingham, on the second day of November, A. D. 1915, at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes for the following officers :

Governor of the Commonwealth for one (1) year; Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth for one (1) year; Secretary of the Commonwealth for one (1) year; Treasurer of the Commonwealth for one (1) year; Auditor of the Commonwealth for one (1) year; Attorney General of the Commonwealth for one (1) year; Councillor for the 2nd Councillor District for one (1) year; Senator for the 2nd

Norfolk Senatorial District for one (1) year. Representative in General Court for the 12th Norfolk District for one (1) year; County Commissioner in Norfolk County for three (3) years; County Treasurer in Norfolk County for three (3) years; Sheriff in Norfolk County for Two (2) years; Associate County Commissioner for Norfolk County to fill vacancy caused by the death of Henry A. Whitney, Esquire, term expiring the first Wednesday of January in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen, and until his successor is chosen and qualified All to be on one ballot.

And to vote on the following questions :

1. Acceptance of Chapter 129, Resolves of 1915, entitled "Resolves to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment of the Constitution empowering the General Court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of population and to provide homes for citizens."

2. Acceptance of Chapter 130, Resolves of 1915, entitled, "Resolves to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment of the Constitution, striking the word male from the qualifications of voters."

3. Acceptance of Chapter 140, Resolves of 1915, entitled, "Resolves to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment of the Constitution relative to the authority of the General Court to impose taxes."

4. Acceptance of Chapter 189, General Acts of 1915, entitled "An act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of an independent agriculture school in the County of Norfolk."

Also on the second day of November, A. D., 1915, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there you are authorized to act on the following articles :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Warren E. Fairbanks was chosen.

Article 2. To see what action the Town will take to reconsider the vote adopted for Article 7 at the last annual meeting, that is, for the electing of its Selectmen according to Chapter 2, Section 317, of the Supplement to the Revised Laws, or to continue as the annual custom by electing Three (3) Selectmen each year.

Voted, to rescind action of the last annual meeting.

Article 3. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum not to exceed \$4,000, in anticipation of revenue, in addition to the \$14,000 voted at the last annual meeting.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum not to exceed \$4,000, in anticipation of revenue, in addition to the \$14,000 voted at the last annual meeting.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$1,400, in addition to the amount appropriated at the last annual meeting for the support of schools.

Ruled illegal by State Bureau of Statistics and money was not borrowed.

Voted, that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow \$1,400 in anticipation of the revenue of the municipal year beginning Jan. 1st, 1916, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this act to be paid for from the revenue of said municipal year.

Polls will be opened at 5.45 a. m., and may be closed at 4 p. m.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of the Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this 19th day of October, A. D. 1915.

MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,
STEPHEN E. SCOTT,

Selectmen of Bellingham.

NORFOLK, SS.

OCTOBER 31, 1915.

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of said Town, to meet at the time, place and for

the purpose within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of said Warrant at each of the designated places in said Town, seven days before said meeting.

Attest :

JAMES A. SPENCER,
Constable of Bellingham.

A true copy.

Attest :

PERCY C. BURR,
Town Clerk, *Pro Tem.*

Pursuant with the above Warrant the legal voters of the Town of Bellingham assembled at 5.55 a. m., November 2, 1915. The meeting was opened by the Town Clerk reading the Warrant and declaring the Polls open.

Michael J. Smith and Willis L. Cook had charge of the ballots, John H. Foley and Carroll E. White had charge of the ballot-box. At 1 o'clock the ballot-box was opened and 100 ballots were taken therefrom by the election officers and counting began. At 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant with the second part of the above Warrant, the articles were taken up with result noted above. At 2.30 p. m. the second part of Warrant was voted vacated.

At 4 p. m. it was voted to keep the Polls open till 8 p. m.

Polls were closed at 8 p. m.

THE VOTE.

GOVERNOR.

Nelson C. Clark of Beverly,	5
Walter S. Hutchins of Greenfield,	1
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester,	80
Peter O'Rourke of Medfield,	none
William Shaw of Andover,	8
David I. Walsh of Fitchburg,	111
Blanks,	4
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LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Edward P. Barry of Boston,	97
Calvin Coolidge of Northampton,	89
Alfred H. Evans of Hadley,	7
James Hayes of Plymouth,	2
Chester R. Lawrence of Boston,	7
Samuel P. Levenberg of Boston,	1
Blanks,	6
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SECRETARY.

Edwin A. Grosvenor of Amherst,	84
Albert P. Langtry of Springfield,	94
Thomas J. Maher of Medfield,	3
Marian E. Sproule of Lowell,	4
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly,	6
Blanks,	18
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TREASURER.

Henry L. Bowles of Springfield,	81
Charles D. Burrill of Boston,	96
Charles E. Fenner of Worcester,	4
William E. Marks of Worcester,	6
Jeremiah P. McNally of Salem,	2
Blanks,	20
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AUDITOR.

Alonzo B. Cook of Boston,	97
James W. Holden of New Bedford,	5
Henry C. Iram of Warwick,	3
Jacob C. Morse of Brookline,	76
William G. Rogers of Wilbraham,	6
Blanks,	22
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ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn,	91
Frank Aughtier of Boston,	7
Joseph Joyce Donahue of Medford,	82
John McCarthy of Abington,	2
William Taylor of Worcester,	2
Blanks,	17
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COUNCILLOR SECOND DISTRICT.

Richard F. Andrews of Boston,	97
William L. Murray of Boston,	82
Blanks,	30
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SENATOR SECOND NORFOLK DISTRICT.

Orion T. Mason of Medway,	131
Blanks,	78
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REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL COURT,
12TH NORFOLK DISTRICT.

Horace W. Hosie of Franklin,	35
Carroll E. White of Bellingham,	145
Blanks,	29
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COUNTY COMMISSIONER NORFOLK COUNTY.

Evan F. Richardson of Millis,	122
Blanks,	87
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COUNTY TREASURER NORFOLK COUNTY.

Henry D. Humphrey of Dedham,	129
Blanks,	80
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SHERIFF NORFOLK COUNTY.

Samuel H. Capen of Dedham,	134
Blanks,	75
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ASSOCIATE COUNTY COMMISSIONER NORFOLK
COUNTY (TO FILL VACANCY.)

Addison E. Bullard of Bellingham,	113
Blanks,	96
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AMENDMENT NO. 1.

Yes 93, No 34, Blanks 82,	209
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AMENDMENT NO. 2.

Yes 68, No 99, Blanks 42,	209
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AMENDMENT NO. 3.

Yes 102, No 25, Blanks 82,	209
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NORFOLK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL.

Yes 96, No 49, Blanks 64,	209
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A true copy.

Attest :

PERCY C. BURR;

Town Clérk, *Pro Tem.*

TOWN CLERK'S MEETING.

Being a record of the doings of the Clerks of the Towns of Wrentham, Franklin, Foxborough, Bellingham and Plainville, constituting the twelfth Norfolk Representative District. On the twelfth day of November, A. D. 1915, the Clerks of the Towns above named met at the Town Offices in Franklin and examined and compared transcripts of the records of votes cast on the second day of November, 1915, in said Towns for Representative in the General

Court for the 12th Norfolk Representative District, and did ascertain that Horace W. Hosie of Franklin was duly elected, and issued certificates of his election, one of which was sent to the secretary of the Commonwealth and one was delivered to a Constable of Franklin to be served on said Horace W. Hosie.

TABULATION OF VOTES.

	Horace W. Hosie of Franklin	Carroll E. White of Bellingham	Addison E. Bullard of Bellingham	Blanks	Total
Wrentham,	160	65	7	19	254
Franklin,	707	155	1	51	914
Foxborough,	275	160	24	105	564
Bellingham,	35	145	0	29	209
Plainville,	195	68	0	15	278
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Totals,	1,372	593	32	219	2,216

Witness our hands this 12th day of November, A. D. 1915.

David T. Stone, Town Clerk of Wrentham.

Theodore E. A. Fuller of Plainville.

Michael J. Costello of Franklin.

Percy C. Burr of Bellingham.

George R. Ellis of Foxborough.

A true copy.

Attest :

PERCY C. BURR,

Town Clerk, *Pro Tem.*

Auditor's Report.

To the Citizens of Bellingham :

I take pleasure in submitting to you my second annual report as auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1915. I have examined the books of the several different departments, and find they show a correct balance between the receipts and expenditures.

HAROLD G. SACKETT,

Auditor.

Board of Registrars.

Agreeable to the law the Selectmen in April appointed a Board of Registrars as follows: Michael F. Ryan to serve three years, Percy C. Burr to serve two years, Albert G. Mowry to serve one year. A new member to be appointed each succeeding year to take the place of the one whose term has expired. The Town Clerk is the fourth member and serves the Board as clerk. The Board met in May and organized with Percy C. Burr as chairman. Since then they have met from time to time to revise the voters' list and add any new names that were eligible.

The Board have held ten meetings in all. Eighteen names were added to the list, 12 names dropped, making a total of 330 names now on the voters' list.

PERCY C. BURR.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Citizens of Bellingham :

The Board of Selectmen present the following annual report for the fiscal year ending December 15, 1915.

The Board organized the Tuesday evening following election, electing Harold M. Bullard, Chairman, and Michael J. Kennedy, Secretary.

There has been forty-six meetings of the Board held during the year, records of which are on file.

The Board, acting as Street Commissioners, with the Supt. of Streets, perambulated the Town Highways during the year and as the usual custom laid out considerable repair work that needed attention. A large portion of this work has been completed. As you will find in the expenditures of the Supt. of Streets report we have purchased a new road machine which no doubt is a great investment for the Town. In the past few years we have been unable to do the necessary scraping as desired owing to the fact our old road machine was broken most of the time and the town was continually at a loss for repairs on it. Before purchasing this new one we had an agent for the Good Roads Machinery look over our old one, and after taking into consideration what it would cost to repair it and the cost of a new one, we thought it advisable to purchase a new one which would be more profitable to the Town in the end. With the small amount of money appropriated on the Highways each year we find it impossible to gravel all the streets as they should be, and with what scraping some of our back roads get, it holds them together for a limited time.

The Sidewalks at the North end are in a very poor condition, and we would suggest that the Town take some action for the building of new ones even though they only complete a small portion each year.

We have rebuilt a new cement bridge on Pearl street, Caryville, this year, it being let out by contract to Arthur P. Clarridge, Milford, and under the supervision of Whitman & Howard, Boston. This bridge beyond a reasonable doubt was badly in need of repairs, and with the assistance of the County Commissioners and the Taft Woolen Co., it was decided to rebuild a new cement one.

We also call your attention to the fact that before the commencement of the piece of permanent road on South Main street, under "Small Towns' Act" we petitioned the County Commissioners as well as the Mass. Highway Commissioners for an allotment which was granted. We suggest that the Selectmen petition for the same allotment the ensuing year to continue this piece of road. The state has withheld part of their portion for a reserved fund to make necessary repairs with in the spring.

We also call your attention to the Mill bridge opposite the Bellingham Woolen Co. on Maple street which is badly in need of repairs. We would suggest that money be raised and appropriated this year for the rebuilding of a new cement one. Although it is somewhat of a burden for the Town to be expending large sums of money for bridge purposes, we find it is cheaper in the end and the Town benefits by it. We would recommend that the Selectmen take this matter up with the County Commissioners, and no doubt they will gladly assist the Town in the rebuilding of a new one. The Board has improved the condition of the Town Hall this year, they having had the inside all repainted in the upper Hall, ceilings put in first class shape and water installed in the lower Hall. After considering what a good condition the Hall is in at the present time, we decided to place an additional \$3,000 insurance on it, making it a total now of \$6,000 which is considered small in comparison with what it would cost to rebuild a new one.

We have perambulated the Town Bounds with the Selectmen of the surrounding towns, as this is the fifth year and according to law they must be perambulated once in (5) years. We have made the necessary markings, records of which are on file.

The Board acting as your Board of Health have had a considerable amount of work to attend to during the year, and have used due care in all cases to their best judgment.

The Board acting as a Street Lighting Committee have installed one (1) electric light on Maple street at the North end which was called to the attention of the citizens at the last annual meeting. We find that there are several places throughout the Town where electric lights are required, especially on Scott Hill, but will leave the matter with you for consideration at the Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. BULLARD,
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,
STEPHEN E. SCOTT,

Selectmen of Bellingham.

Selectmen's Financial Statement.

TOWN OFFICERS:

Appropriation,	\$1,300 00
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Paid Selectmen :

Percy C. Burr, (salary 1914)	\$25 00	
Michael J. Kennedy, (salary 1914)	25 00	
Harold M. Bullard, (salary 1914)	35 00	
		85 00

Paid Board of Registrars :

Percy C. Burr, (salary 1914)	\$10 00	
Percy C. Burr, (salary Apr. 1, 1915, to Dec. 31, 1915)	7 50	
Michael J. Kennedy, (salary 1914)	10 00	
Harold M. Bullard, (salary 1914)	10 00	
Henry A. Whitney, (salary 1914)	10 00	
Henry A. Whitney, (salary Mar. 2, 1915 to Oct. 1, 1915)	5 83	
		53 33

Paid Overseers of the Poor :

Otto L. Bullard, (salary 1914)	\$50 00	
Henry W. Pickering, (salary 1914)	15 00	
E. B. Whiting, (salary 1914)	15 00	
David G. Jones, (salary Mar. 2, 1915 to Dec. 31, 1915)	12 00	
		92 00

Paid School Committee :

Henry McCarthy, (salary 1914)	\$10 00	
David G. Jones, (salary Apr. 1, 1914 to Dec. 31, 1914)	7 50	
David G. Jones, (salary Jan. 1, 1915 to Dec. 31, 1915)	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$27 50

Paid Assessors :

Carroll E. White, (salary 1915) 45½ Days @ \$2.50	\$113 75	
Carroll E. White, horse 3 days	6 00	
Timothy E. Foley, (salary 1915) 55½ Days @ \$2.50	138 75	
Timothy E. Foley, horse 3 days	6 00	
Orville C. Rhodes, (salary 1915) 47 Days @ \$2.50	117 50	
Orville C. Rhodes, (postage)	75	
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Paid Janitor of Town Hall :

Geo. L. Prentiss, (salary Jan. 1, 1915 to Mar. 1, 1915)	\$5 00	
Eli E. Cook, (salary Mar. 1, 1915 to Dec. 31, 1915)	50 00	
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Paid Sealer of Weights and Measures :

Eli E. Cook, (salary Mar. 1, 1915 to Dec. 31, 1915)	\$29 17	
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Paid Moderator Town Meeting :

Warren E. Fairbanks, March 1915	\$5 00	
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Paid Town Clerk :

Henry A. Whitney, (salary 1914)	\$25 00	
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Paid Henry A. Whitney, (salary Mar. 1, 1915 to Oct. 1, 1915)	\$14 56	
Percy C. Burr, (salary Oct. 1, 1915 to Dec. 31, 1915)	6 25	
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Paid Town Treasurer :		
Walter H. Thayer, (salary 1914)	\$100 00	
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Paid Dog Officer :		
James A. Spencer, (salary 1915)	\$10 00	
	<hr/>	10 00
Paid Tax Collector :		
Walter H. Thayer, (bal. salary 1913)	\$39 95	
Walter H. Thayer, (salary 1914)	147 08	
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Paid Forest Fire Warden :		
L. Francis Thayer, (salary 1914)	\$10 00	
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Paid Auditor :		
Harold G. Sackett, (salary Jan. 1, 1915 to Aug. 1, 1915)	\$14.59	
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Paid Inspector of Animals :		
Carroll E. White, (salary for services from Jan. 1, to Dec. 31, 1915)	\$60 00	
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Paid Ballot Clerks and Tellers :		
Mar. 1, 1915, Town Meeting	\$18 50	
Sept. 21, 1915, State Pri- maries	8 00	
Nov. 2, 1915, State Election	29 00	
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Paid Constables :

James E. Kennelly, (salary 1914)	\$5 00	
Joseph A. Palmer, (salary 1914)	5 00	
Angus Boyd, (salary 1914)	5 00	
Hiram E. Crooks, (salary 1914)	5 00	
Dennis F. Murphy, (July 3rd, 4th and 5th, police duty, 1915)	4 00	
Fred B. Rogers, (July 3rd, 4th and 5th, police duty, 1915)	4 00	
Romulus Stewart, (July 3rd, 4th and 5th, police duty, 1915)	4 00	
Moise Champagne, (July 3rd, 4th and 5th, police duty, 1915)	4 00	
Angus Boyd, (July 3rd and 4th, police duty, 1914)	3 00	
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		\$39 00

Paid Police Officers :

Arthur Warren, (police duty July 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1915)	\$4 00	
Elroy G. Stoddard, (police duty July 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1915)	4 00	
John J. McMahon, (police duty July 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1915)	4 60	
William Haynes, (police duty July 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1915)	4 00	
Eli E. Cook, (police duty July 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1915)	4 00	
James A. Spencer, (police duty July 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1915)	3 00	
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REPAIRS OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

Appropriations,		\$200 00
Paid William A. Noble, (labor shingling Centre school)	\$14 35	
Walter Lantz, (labor shingling Centre school)	14 35	
A. W. McKinley, (contract painting inside of Town Hall)	85 00	
L. F. Thayer, (75 lbs. nails)	3 00	
L. F. Thayer, (lumber and nails)	1 32	
Staples & Gould, (2 sheets zinc)	4 50	
Eli E. Cook, (furnishing and setting glass in Town Hall)	3 50	
Unexpended balance,	73 98	
		<hr/> 200 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,	\$50 00
Paid Percy C. Burr, (committee)	50 00

CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

Paid Alonzo W. Vose	\$5 00	
Lewis E. Whitney	30 30	
S. Fred Metcalf	29 00	
Orville C. Rhodes	6 15	
		<hr/> 70 45

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation,	\$30 00
From Emergency Fund,	6 98
	<hr/> \$36 98

Paid Orville C. Rhodes, (making gate for So. Cemetery	\$5 23
Fred M. Rhodes, (care of So. Cemetery, 1915	10 00
Lewis E. Whitney, (15 hours labor @ .25	3 75
John G. Brown, (24 hours labor @ .25	6 00

Paid W. Foster, (8 hours labor @ .25	\$2 00	
S. Fred Metcalf, (care of No. Cemetery, 1915	10 00	
		<hr/> \$36 98

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation,	\$150 00	
From Emergency Fund,	99 01	
		<hr/> \$249 01

Paid Herbert Arsenault (wages paid while under quaran- tine for Scarlet Fever 20½ days @ \$2.00)	\$41 00	
Carroll E. White, (services Inspector of Slaughtering from Jan. 1st, 1915 to Dec. 31, 1915)	70 00	
Michael J. Kennedy, (ser- vices and expenses, 1914)	3 50	
Harold M. Bullard, (services and expenses, 1914)	12 65	
Percy C. Burr, (services and expenses, 1914)	7 00	
J. E. Robertson, (wages paid while under quarantine for Scarlet Fever, 24 days, at \$2.00	48 00	
Lakeville State Sanitarium, (board and treatment for Edw. B. O'Rourke from Nov. 24, 1914 to Mar. 21, 1915) (Reimbursed—See Treasurer's receipts)	66 86	
		<hr/> 249 01

STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation,		\$1,400 00
Paid Edison Electric Ill. Co.	\$450 98	
Union Light & Power Co.	752 16	
Unexpended balance	196 88	
		<hr/> 1,400 00

PRINTING.

Appropriation,		\$250 00
Paid Milford Journal Co., (40 shts. Voting Lists)	\$6 25	
Milford Journal Co., (350 Town Reports, 50 School Reports and 30 Warrants, 1914)	152 25	
Milford Journal Co., (Asses- sors cards and lists)	20 50	
Milford Journal Co., (200 seals and printing)	1 75	
Milford Journal Co., (tax bills, slips and envelopes)	7 75	
Milford Journal Co., (1000 No. 10 white envelopes for Selectmen)	3 25	
Milford Journal Co., (3000 sheets letter heads)	8 75	
G. M. Billings, (ballots March meeting, 1915)	8 50	
H. Dangel Co., (check book)	19 00	
Woons. Evening Call, (ad- vertisement)	1 40	
Hobbs & Warren, (license forms)	3 07	
A. W. Brownell, (Assessors notices, tax book, etc.)	3 50	
Franklin Sentinel, (Select- men's order books and advertisement)	10 25	
P. B. Murphy, (dog book and birth blanks)	3 65	
Unexpended balance,	13	
		250 00

TREE WARDEN AND ELM LEAF BEETLE.

Appropriation,		\$225 00
Paid Lewis E. Whitney, (labor)	\$50 00	
James A. Spencer, (labor)	4 75	
Delphis Garripy, (labor)	2 00	
L. F. Thayer, man and team,	54 00	

Paid Henry A. Whitney, (500 lbs. lead)	\$25 00	
Willie L. Cook, (labor)	26 25	
John J. Brown, (labor)	1 00	
Clark Ellis & Sons, (repair- ing pump, etc.)	10 61	
Ed. Spencer, (labor)	6 25	
Lewis E. Whitney, (cement, creasote and tangle foot)	5 50	
Expense, printing; carfares, etc.,	4 40	
Unexpended balance,	28 74	225 00

FOREST FIRES AND EQUIPMENT.

Appropriation,		\$500 00
Paid L. Francis Thayer, (payroll 1914)	\$198 37	
L. Francis Thayer, (pay- rolls 1915 and miscella- neous items)	150 00	
Ernest T. Camp, (payroll, 1914, reimbursed town of Franklin)	7 11	
Unexpended balance,	144 52	500 00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

For Detail see Superintendent's Report.

Appropriation,	\$1,500 00
From Street Railway tax and reimbursements,	1,635 20
	\$3,135 20
Paid as per Superintendent's Report,	3,135 20

STATEMENT OF STREET RAILWAY TAX AND REIMBURSEMENTS.

Excise tax M. A. & W. St. R. R. Co.,	\$335 42
Excise tax M. & U. St. R. Co.,	20 92
Street Railway tax,	554 75
Taft Woolen Co.,	129 41
Norfolk County Treasurer.	129 40
Unexpended balance 1914,	669 44
	\$1,839 34

Paid Highway Department,	\$1,635 20
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Unexpended balance 1915,	\$204 14
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HIGHWAYS: UNDER 'SMALL TOWNS' ACT.'

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
Norfolk County Treasurer,	1,000 00
State allotment (Mass. Highway Com.),	952 10

\$2,952 10

EXPENDITURES.

Paid as per Superintendent's Report,	\$2,824 12
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Unexpended balance,	\$127 98
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INDIGENT SOLDIERS' AID.

Appropriation,	\$50 00
Unexpended balance,	50 00

SUPPRESSION OF ILLEGAL SALE OF LIQUOR AND OTHER NUISANCES.

Appropriation,		\$250 00
Paid Dennis F. Murphy,	\$6 00	
Frank E. Arnold,	2 50	
William Callahan,	2 50	
Hervie Miett,	2 50	
Elroy G. Stoddard,	2 50	
Romulus Stewart,	2 50	
Unexpended balance,	231 50	250 00

STATE AID PENSION.

Appropriation,	\$500 00
From emergency fund,	12 00

\$512 00

Paid Amanda L. Adams,	\$72 00
Joseph M. Burr,	72 00
Harriet N. Burr,	48 00
Eliphalet S. Sears,	12 00
Merion Williams,	72 00
L. Maria Gerstle,	72 00
Avis M. Mowry,	44 00

Paid Manda J. Sears,	\$54 00	
James McMahon,	66 00	
	<hr/>	\$512 00

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS.

Appropriation,	\$125 00	
From emergency fund,	19 28	

 \$144 28

Paid James A. Spencer (labor)	\$47 63	
Delphis Garripy (labor),	26 25	
Ed. Spencer (labor),	7 00	
L. Francis Thayer, man and team,	9 25	
Lewis E. Whitney (labor),	49 50	
Lewis E. Whitney (ex- penses, including ex- press, tin, etc.),	4 65	
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INSURANCE.

Appropriation,	\$225 00	
From emergency fund,	3 12	

 \$228 12

Paid Henry A. Whitney, (Cen- tre School, 3 years)	\$22 53	
Henry A. Whitney, (Alms House and barn, 2 pol- icies, 3 years)	30 94	
Henry A. Whitney, (Town Hall, 2 policies 3 years)	31 60	
Henry A. Whitney, (Town Farm, cow barn, furni- ture, etc., 3 years)	14 50	
Lewis E. Whitney, (So. School, 2 policies 3 years),	54 15	
Lewis E. Whitney, (Centre School, 2 policies 3 years)	35 40	
Lewis E. Whitney, (North School, 3 policies 3 years)	39 00	
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CARE OF CIVIL AND SPANISH WAR VETERANS' GRAVES.

Appropriation,	\$25 00	
Paid Lewis E. Whitney, (labor)	\$5 25	

Prid S. Fred Metcalf, (labor)	\$4 00	
Orville C. Rhodes, (labor)	3 50	
Unexpended balance,	12 25	
		\$25 00

SPECIAL OUTSIDE BILL VOTED TO PAY MARCH 1, 1915.	
Appropriation,	\$4 00
Paid Henry A. Whitney (burial of Asenath P. Taylor, Mar. 29, 1910,	4 00

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation,		\$500 00
Paid Union Light & Power Co., (Lighting Town Hall Jan. 1, 1915 to Dec. 1, 1915)	\$24 01	
Union Light & Power Co., (10-60 Watt B. F. lamps)	3 50	
Frank Williams, (auto hire)	2 50	
Percy C. Burr, (expense selectman, 1914)	3 25	
Walter H. Thayer, (expense Treasurer and Tax Collector, 1914)	22 70	
Walter H. Thayer, (labor on fountain)	3 50	
Michael J. Kennedy, (expense Selectman, 1914)	16 50	
James E. Kennelly, (posting warrants Nov. 1914 and Mar. 1915 elections)	2 00	
Harold M. Bullard, (expense Selectman, 1914)	10 00	
L. Francis Thayer, (janitor supplies and sawed wood)	16 68	
Harold G. Sackett, (Auditor's report to State, 1914)	10 00	
Harold G. Sackett, (expense as Auditor Jan. 1, 1915 to Aug. 1, 1915)	2 50	
American Surety Co., (bond of Treasurer, 1915)	30 00	
American Surety Co., (bond of Tax Collector, 1915)	20 00	
E. L. Burdakin, (abstracts of Bellingham deeds)	27 00	

Paid Eli E. Cooke, (labor cleaning Town Hall)	\$19 75
Eli E. Cooke, (janitor's supplies)	3 20
Staples & Gould, (fountain fittings)	1 06
Staples & Gould, (stove damper)	25
Carters Ink Co., (12 ½ pts. Mass. State Record Ink)	1 25
James A. Munroe, (contract installing water in Town Hall)	80 00
James A. Munroe, (extras for drain pipe in Town Hall)	16 48
James A. Munroe, (cementing fountain)	1 75
Paid Henry A. Whitney, (meeting County Clerks, 1914)	2 00
Henry A. Whitney, (expense as Town Clerk Mar. 2, 1914, to Oct. 1, 1915, and the recording of marriages, births and deaths)	41 22
Percy C. Burr (meeting County Clerks 1915),	2 00
Percy C. Burr (expense as Town Clerk Oct. 1, 1915, to Dec. 31, 1915, and the recording of marriages, births and deaths)	9 00
Dr. Samuel Butler, (14 birth returns)	3 50
Dr. J. H. Wyman, (1 birth return)	.25
Dr. Solon Abbott, (1 birth return)	.25
Dr. A. J. Gallison, (1 birth return)	.25
Dr. John J. Duggan, (2 birth returns)	.50
Dr. Geo. F. Curley, (1 birth return)	.25
Dr. A. Constantineau, (3	

returns)	.75	
Unexpended balance,	<u>\$122 15</u>	\$500 00

EMERGENCY FUND.

Appropriation,		\$400 00
Paid Annie Lawless, (pillow of flowers)	\$10 00	
Transferred to Cemeteries, account,	6 98	
Transferred to Board of Health, account,	99 01	
Transferred to State Aid, account,	12 00	
Transferred to Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths, account,	19 28	
Transferred to Insurance, account,	3 12	
Unexpended balance,	<u>249 61</u>	400 00

CASH ACCOUNT.

Received from janitor of Town Hall,	\$22 73	
O. J. Fisher, pool table license,	2 00	
Timothy E. Foley, pool table license,	2 00	
Henry J. Fisk, Hoag Lake dance hall license,	20 00	
	<u>46 73</u>	46 73
Cash paid Town Treasurer,		46 73

UNEXPENDED BALANCE.

Town officers,	\$24 72
Repairs of Town buildings,	73 98
Street lighting,	196 86
Printing,	13
Tree Warden and elm leaf beetle,	28 74
Forest fires and equipment,	144 52
Highway dept., (street railway tax)	204 14
Highways, (under "Small Towns' Act")	127 98
Indigent soldiers' aid,	50 00

Suppression of illegal sale of liquor and other nuisances,	231 50	
Care of Civil and Spanish War Vet- erans graves,	12 25	
Incidentals,	122 15	
Emergency fund,	249 61	
	<hr/>	\$1,466 58

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS HAVE PAID.

Town officers,	\$1,275 28	
Repairs of Town buildings,	126 02	
Memorial day,	50 00	
Cemetery trust fund,	70 45	
Cemeteries,	36 98	
Board of Health,	249 01	
Street lighting,	1,203 14	
Printing,	249 87	
Tree warden and elm leaf beetle	196 26	
Forest fires and equipment,	355 48	
Highways,	3,135 20	
Highways, under "Small Towns' Act"	2,824 12	
Suppression of illegal sale of liquor and other nuisances,	18 50	
State aid Pensions,	512 00	
Gypsy and brown tail moths,	144 28	
Insurance,	228 12	
Care of Civil and Spanish War Veterans graves,	12 75	
Special outside bill voted to pay March 1, 1915,	4 00	
Incidentals,	377 85	
Emergency fund, less Board Health, cemeteries, State aid, gipsy and brown tail moths and insurance,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$11,079 31

SELECTMEN'S ESTIMATE FOR 1916.

Support of schools, (incomes and)	\$7,600 00
Support of poor, (incomes and)	1,400 00
Highways, (for repair work)	2,000 00
Highways, (for permanent work)	1,000 00

Bridges,	1,200 00	
Repair of Town buildings,	150 00	
Pay of Town officers,	1,300 00	
Incidentals,	500 00	
Suppression of illegal sale of liquor and other nuisances, (unexpended balance and)	18 50	
Street lighting,	1,400 00	
Printing,	250 00	
Interest,	800 00	
Insurance,	275 00	
Cemeteries,	50 00	
Care of Civil and Spanish War Veterans graves,	25 00	
Memorial Day,	50 00	
Indigent soldiers' aid,	50 00	
Public library, (income and)	350 00	
State aid pensions,	525 00	
Tree Warden and elm beetle suppression,	75 00	
Gypsy and brown tail moths,	300 00	
Board of health,	200 00	
Emergency fund,	400 00	
Forest Warden, (fires and equip- ment)	350 00	
"Widow's Pension Act" Chap- ter 763 Acts 1913,	300 00	
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		\$20,568 50

STATEMENT, OUTSTANDING BILLS.

One small 1913 Town Officers' bill and several Town Officers' 1914 salaries have been paid the current year.

ESTIMATED BILLS OUTSTANDING AT CLOSE
OF YEAR DEC. 31, 1915.

Town Officers' salaries and expenses for 1915,	\$600 00
Forest Fires: L. F. Thayer, (payroll)	5 92
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	\$605 92

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. BULLARD,
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,
STEPHEN E. SCOTT,

Selectmen of Bellingham,

Report of Superintendent of Streets.

To the Selectmen of Bellingham, Gentlemen:

I hereby submit to you my annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1915.

During the year I have done considerable work on the Town Highways, principally on the streets where there was a great deal of travel. I have scraped all the roads in the Town, and in some cases on our back roads I cut considerable brush from the highways where I found it necessary to widen the road so as to enable teams to pass one another.

I call attention to the heavy rains which we had this year which cost the Town considerable money for the filling in of wash outs.

I have put up about 1,200 feet fence railings throughout the Town and in some cases I found places dangerous to people using the Town Highway.

I rebuilt the wooden bridge at Arnold's crossing, bridge over Charles River on Maple Street at the North end and Beaver Street bridge.

I also repaired about 500 feet of road between Crook's Corner and state line, as it was tearing to pieces and it was only a question of time when it would take a great deal of money to replace the same. This is the piece of road put in by the Town but never accepted by the state.

Gravel seems to be very scarce all through the Town, and what gravel you do find it takes some time to carry it to where it is to be used,

I have continued the piece of permanent road on So. Main Street, Under "Small Towns' Act," and put in 1,000 feet more than the specifications called for, which brings it opposite the residence of E. Migneault. We have a balance to work with next year, also a reserved fund held by the state for rotunding up, etc., in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN E. SCOTT,

Supt. of Streets.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

By appropriation,	\$1,500 00
Street Railway, tax, reimbursements and un- expended balance,	1,839 34
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	\$3,339 34

EXPENDITURES.

Labor,	\$1,171 31
One horse and two horse teams,	1,117 34
Miscellaneous,	327 16
Gravel,	66 70
Removal of snow.	34 45
Bridges,	418 24
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	\$3,135 20
Unexpended balance 1915,	204 14

LABOR TOWN HIGHWAY.

Paid O. A. Ricard, 462 hrs. at 25c,	\$115 51
Edmond Rattie, 56 hrs. at 25c,	14 00
John Croake, 8 hrs. at 25c,	2 00
John Plante, 514 hrs. at 25c,	128 57
John Plante, Jr., 168 hrs. at 25c,	42 00
Arthur Plante, 28 hrs. at 25c,	7 00
Edmond Cote, 68 hrs. at 25c,	17 00
Napoleon Tessier, 481 hrs. at 25c,	120 00
Joseph Tessier, 24 hrs. at 25c,	6 00
Midas St. Germain, 76 hrs. at 25c,	19 00
James Woodman, 242 hrs. at 25c,	60 50
Moses Dupre, 5 hrs. at 25c,	1 25
Jasper Beaudry, 108 hrs. at 25c,	27 00
John Brown, 112 hrs. at 25c,	28 00
Hakey Staples, 13 hrs. at 25c,	3 25
Alton Corke, 147 1-2 hrs. at 25c,	36 88
Ed Lipsett, 572 hrs. at 25c,	143 13
John Lipsett, 192 hrs. at 25c,	48 00
Fred Lipsett, 96 hrs. at 25c,	24 00
Joseph Brouillette, 4 hrs. at 25c,	1 00
Robert Melrose, 111 1-2 hrs. at 25c,	27 88
Harry Chase, 5 hrs. at 25c,	1 25
Earl Thayer, 2 1-2 hrs. at 25c,	.63
Fred Rhodes, 251 hrs. at 25c,	62 88

Earl Rhodes, 168 1-2 hrs. at 25c,	42 13
George Germain, 8 hrs. at 25c,	2 00
Fred Howes, 129 hrs. at 25c,	32 25
L. F. Thayer, 45 hrs. at 25c,	11 25
J. E. Scott, 421 hrs. at 25c,	105 25
W. B. Scott, 24 hrs. at 25c,	6 00
J. M. Billings, 7 hrs. at 25c,	1 75
Wm. Penn, 16 hrs. at 25c,	4 00
Wm. Fanning, 15 hrs. at 25c,	3 75
J. Grenier, 12 hrs. at 25c,	3 00
E. B. Staples, 28 hrs. at 25c,	7 00
Walter Gibson, 4 hrs. at 25c,	1 00
F. Smith, 48 hrs. at 25c,	12 00
Patrick O'Neil, 12 hrs. at 25c,	3 00

\$1,171 31

TWO HORSE AND ONE HORSE TEAMS.

Paid S. E. Scott, 608 hrs. at 62 1-2c,	\$380 01
J. M. Billings, 17 1-2 hrs. at 62 1-2c,	10 93
E. B. Staples, at 5 1-2 hrs. at 62 1-2c,	3 44
Felix Brothers, 112 hrs. at 62 1-2c,	70 00
Isaac Brothers, 100 hrs. at 62 1-2c,	62 50
E. A. Rhodes, 223 hrs. at 62 1-2c,	139 38
L. F. Thayer, 77 1-2 hours at 62 1-2c,	48 44
P. Googin, 180 hrs. at 62 1-2c,	112 51
Eugene Reardon, 106 hrs. at 62 1-2c,	66 27
George Melrose, 1 hr. at 62 1-2c,	.63
P. P. Cook & Son, 29 hrs. at 62 1-2c,	18 13
Bastien Bourcier, 44 hrs. at 62 1-2c,	27 50
Hubert Guerin, 88 hrs. at 62 1-2c,	55 00
G. A. Staples, 57 hrs. at 62 1-2c,	35 63
George D. Crooks, 27 hrs. at 62 1-2c,	16 88
Hiram E. Crooks, 24 hrs. at 62 1-2c,	15 00

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ONE HORSE TEAMS.

Paid J. G. Brown, 38 hrs. at 25c,	\$9 50
O. A. Ricard, 90 hrs. at 25c,	22 50
S. E. Scott, 79 hrs. at 25c,	19 75
L. F. Thayer, 8 1-2 hrs. at 25c,	2 13
Harry Chase, 5 hrs. at 25c,	1 25

\$55 13

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid, Ira A. Metcalf, plank,	\$33 69
A. B. Holden, plank,	20 02
G. D. Crooks, railing and posts,	20 52
E. A. Rhodes, plank and stringers,	20 60
Woonsocket Lumber Co., plank,	3 78
Woonsocket Concrete Block Co., cement,	1 35
Sylvester & Broeder, scythes and spikes,	8 19
J. C. Mailloux & Son, Bush scythes,	2 10
Clark Ellis & Son, scythes and stones,	1 25
L. F. Thayer, rakes and forks,	4 35
A. G. McCullough, picks sharpened,	1 20
Good Roads Mchy. Co., 1 New Model	
Am. Champion Road Machine,	210 00
H. D. Perkins, 1 gal. oil,	.11
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	\$327 16

GRAVEL.

Paid Daniel Coulter, 15 loads at 4c,	\$.60
J. M. Billings, 8 loads at 4c,	.32
William Aldrich, 38 loads at 4c,	1 52
Alec Beauparlient, 3 loads at 5c,	.15
Bastien Bourcier, 102 loads at 5c,	5 10
H. O. Arnold, 107 loads at 5c,	5 35
A. H. Holden, 130 loads at 10c,	13 00
L. F. Thayer, 37 loads at 5c,	1 85
P. O'Neil, 16 loads at 4c,	.64
E. Reardon, 16 loads at 6c,	.96
Mrs. G. E. O'Connor, 33 loads at 10c,	3 30
Charles Lee, 260 loads at 10c,	26 00
George D. Crooks, 105 loads at 5c,	5 25
E. Reardon, 2 loads stone at 10c,	.20
S. E. Scott, 30 loads at 5c,	1 50
Henry Pickering, 16 loads at 6c,	.96
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	\$66 70

SNOW BILL, APRIL, 1915.

Paid S. E. Scott, 16 hrs.,	\$10 13
L. F. Thayer, 3 hrs.,	1 87
E. A. Rhodes, 32 1-4 hrs.,	20 25
Felix Brothers, 3 1-2 hrs.,	2 20
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	\$34 45

CARYVILLE BRIDGE.

Paid Norfolk County Commissioners' Petition,	\$6 00
Arthur P. Claridge,	354 00
Whitman & Howard,	58 24
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	\$418 24

STEPHEN E. SCOTT,
Superintendent of Streets.

Report of the Superintendent of Streets. Highways Under "Small Towns' Act."

(Continuation of work on South Main Street.)

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
State allotment,	952 10
Norfolk County Treasurer,	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$2952 10

EXPENDITURES.

Two horse teams,	\$1,417 49
Labor,	1,244 73
Miscellaneous,	59 20
Gravel,	102 70
	<hr/> \$2,824 12
Unexpended balance, 1915,	127 98

DOUBLE TEAMS.

Paid S. E. Scott, 1052 hrs. at 62½c.	\$657 50
Hubert Guérin, 528 hrs. at 62½c.	330 00
E. A. Rhodes, 311 hrs. at 62½c.	194 37
Felix Brothers, 272½ hrs. at 62½c.	170 31
P. P. Cook & Son, 36½ hrs. at 62½c.	22 81
G. A. Staples, 16 hrs. at 62½c.	10 00
L. F. Thayer, 52 hrs. at 62½c.	32 50
	<hr/> \$1,417 49

LABOR.

Paid S. E. Scott, 560 hrs. at 25c.	\$140 00
Ed. Lipsett, 48 hrs. at 25c.	12 00
John Lipsett, 337 hrs. at 25c.	84 25
Fred Lipsett, 381 hrs. at 25c.	95 25
Fred Rhodes, 554 hrs. at 25c.	138 50
Fred Howes, 536 hrs. at 25c.	134 00

Joseph Cote, 108 hrs. at 25c.	27 00
Midas St. Germain, 80 hrs. at 25c.	20 00
Earl Rhodes, 48 hrs. at 25c.	12 00
Napoleon Tessier, 420½ hrs. at 25c.	105 13
Joseph Richards, 462 hrs. at 25c.	115 50
Frank Saster, 192½ hrs. at 25c.	48 13
Joseph Chenette, 491½ hrs. at 25c.	122 88
Warren Whiting, 209 hrs. at 25c.	52 26
Earl Paul, 96½ hrs. at 25c.	24 13
G. A. Staples, 88 hrs. at 25c.	22 00
E. Bennie Staples, 71 hrs. at 25c.	17 75
Lewis Guerin, 199 hrs. at 25c.	49 75
H. D. Perkins, 24 hrs. at 25c.	6 00
Alfred Migneault, 91 hrs. at 20c.	18 20

\$1,244 73

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid P. P. Cook & Son, lumber,	\$2 50
Alec Beuparlient, lumber,	2 50
H. D. Perkins, oil and can,	3 11
Bound stone and freight,	2 08
Moses Rowse, land damage,	5 00
Milot Bros., drain pipe,	2 00
E. R. Darling, dynamite, fuse, caps,	19 00
Repairing roller,	6 40
Sylvester & Brodeur, shovels, hoes, picks,	10 25
P. Murray, sharpening drills and picks,	6 36

\$59 20

GRAVEL.

Paid Nahum H. Cook, 580 loads at 5c.	\$29 00
E. Migneault, 516 loads at 10c.	51 60
Felix Brothers, 162 loads at 5c.	8 10
Hubert Guerin, 102 loads at 5c.	5 10
Ed. Rowse, 97 loads at 5c.	4 85
Albert Aldrich, 69 loads at 5c.	3 45
L. F. Thayer, 12 loads at 5c.	60

\$102 70

STEPHEN E. SCOTT,

Supt. of Streets.

Report of Inspector of Animals.

To the Selectmen, Gentlemen :

The Annual Inspection of Animals was ordered by the Dept. of Animal Industry as usual in January, but owing to another outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease, was stopped and town again under strict quarantine. While there were no new cases here, we were considered an infected section, as it was located on two farms in the first outbreak. It was some time before any could be moved, permits not being given, they were granted later, and then the quarantine was taken off and now it seems to be a thing of the past. Our people deserve credit for helping the State and Federal officials stamp this out. Cattle must still be tested coming from outside the State, permits can be procured of the Dept. of Animal Industry. And I think the owners of animals realize more than ever that they know their animals, and it is their duty to report them if anything is wrong. Also it is a benefit to them to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL E. WHITE,

Inspector of Animals.

Report of Inspector of Slaughtering and Provisions.

To the Selectmen, Gentlemen :

The Quarantine having been removed, conditions in regard to slaughtering are back to their normal state. With the Foot and Mouth disease it was unlawful to transport animals, all had to be dressed on the premises where formerly a farmer would sell a beef cow, and the buyer drive her away. A number were disposed of in this way when the Quarantine was on. I found them practically free from disease, much better than a few years ago. There seems to be more hogs kept than formerly, and we are fortunate in having them so free from disease. I wish to thank the owners of animals for their effort to comply with the law.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL E. WHITE,
Inspector of Slaughtering and Provisions.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

I hereby submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending January 1, 1916. All places of business in the town of Bellingham were visited by me, after notifying by public notice as the law requires, that all scales, measures, etc., would be sealed without fee if brought to my office.

SCALES, MEASURES, ETC., SEALED.

	Adjusted.	Sealed.	Cond'nd.
Platform scales, over 5000 lbs.	3	4	1
Platform scales under 5000 lbs.	3	9	1
Computing scales under 5000 lbs.	2	7	0
All other scales under 5000 lbs.	2	12	4
Weights under 5000 lbs.		43	3
Wet measures under 5000 lbs.		19	3
Pumps,		3	
Office call for sealing,			7
Outside call for sealing,			5
Inspections, all kinds,			107
Sealing fees,			\$14 10
Paid to the Town Treasurer,			14 10

One hundred and seven inspections of stores, milk wagons, junk dealers and peddlers as shown in the record above stated, besides frequent visits not recorded, which I have made to stores, etc., and the patrolling of streets in anticipation of meeting dealers in commodities.

The duties of the Sealer of Weights and Measures are becoming more important each year as the State inspectors require more work to stop fraud and deceit and give greater protection to the purchasing public.

Most of the dealers I have found to be very anxious to give their customers honest weight and measures while a few were in ignorance of the required law.

Thanking the honorable Board of Selectmen, and the public for their assistance given me during my term as Sealer of Weights and Measures, I am,

Respectfully,

ELI E. COOKE,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

To the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham :

Overseers of the Poor present the following report for year 1915.

Town Farm and Almshouse have been in charge of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Chase. Total number of inmates at Almshouse during year 8, present number 3.

The following is a list of property found and appraised by Geo. A. Staples, Proctor P. Cook and Wesley C. Howes Dec. 31, 1915.

Land and buildings,	\$5,000 00
3 horses,	550 00
14 cows,	897 00
2 heifers,	70 00
4 young stock	72 00
4 shoats and 1 hog,	57 50
226 fowls,	268 25
16 tons hay,	275 00
Ensilage,	400 00
Grain,	125 00
Harnesses and blankets,	132 80
10 wagons and sleds,	357 50
Farm machinery,	372 00
Lumber posts and wood,	234 00
Farm supplies,	59 77
Small tools of all kinds,	210 55
House supplies,	101 69
Furniture,	337 50
Vegetables,	72 00
Crockery and kitchen ware,	90 38
Clothing and bedding,	218 43
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	\$9,957 32

RECEIPTS FROM FARM.

Fowls and eggs,	\$508 25
Vegetables,	44 05
Milk,	984 47
Transporting school children,	110 00
Calves,	45 50
Wood and posts,	96 75
Pigs and pork,	62 16
Part payment on barge,	50 00
Stock,	170 00
Labor,	35 42
Use of bull,	9 50
Junk,	5 75
Incubator,	5 00
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	\$2,126 85

RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

From town of Ware,	\$41 42
From town of Oxford,	93 80
From town of Southboro,	7 00
From town of Princeton,	18 00
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	\$160 22
Total receipts,	\$2,287 07
Bills receivable,	\$50 00

EXPENSES AT TOWN FARM.

Labor,	\$475 75
Blacksmithing and wagon repair,	30 70
Grain,	1,046 71
Sundries for farm use,	270 08
Dry goods and shoes,	65 83
Doctors and medicine,	33 35
Coal,	59 47
Sundries for house,	48 21
Salary of Supt. and Matron,	500 04
Stock,	452 70
Groceries and meat,	407 32
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	\$3,390 16

OUTSIDE AID.

One family and six persons have received outside aid amounting to	\$260 79
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Four persons have settlement in this Town.

One family and two persons have settlement
in other Towns.

INCIDENTALS.

Car fare, postage and blanks,	\$9 33
Pay of Appraisers,	6 00
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	\$15 33
Total expenditures,	\$3,666 28
Overseers have unpaid bills on Jan. 1, 1916, amounting to	\$340 66
Overseers have approved bills and issued or- ders on Town Treasurer, No. 1596 to 1656, inclusive, amounting to	\$3,666 28
Appropriation,	\$1,400 00
Gain in appraisals,	\$402 34

O. L. BULLARD,

E. B. WHITING,

D. G. JONES,

Overseers of Poor.

Assessors' Report.

The Assessors of the Town of Bellingham present the following list of the valuation and tax for the year 1915.

STATISTICS.

Number of persons assessed on polls,	523
Number of persons assessed for poll tax only,	295
Number of residents assessed on property,	379
Number of non residents assessed,	288
Whole number of persons assessed,	949
Number of horses assessed,	246
Number of cows assessed,	351
Number of other cattle assessed,	92
Number of swine assessed,	72
Number of fowls assessed,	4,770
Number of sheep assessed,	1
Number of dwellings assessed,	405
Number of acres assessed,	11,034
Valuation of personal estate,	\$170,070
Valuation of real estate,	852,825
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Total valuation,	\$1,024,895
Rate of taxation \$18.00 per \$1,000.	

ORVILLE C. RHODES,
CARROLL E. WHITE,
TIMOTHY E. FOLEY,

Assessors of Bellingham.

Tax Collector's Report.

1914 TAXES.

DR.

Amount uncollected Jan. 1, 1915,	\$4,765 12	
Assessments of Feb. 9th and 20th, 1915,	16 00	
Interest collected,	196 86	
	<u> </u>	\$4,977 98

CR.

By amount paid Treasurer,	\$4,589 24	
Interest,	196 86	
Abatements,	188 28	
Taxes on property sold to town,	3 60	
	<u> </u>	\$4,977 98

1915 TAXES.

DR.

Amount to be collected,	\$19,856 75	
Interest collected,	11 63	
	<u> </u>	\$19,868 38

CR.

Amount paid Treasurer,	\$14,453 82	
Interest,	11 63	
Abatements,	14 40	
Taxes on property sold to town,	82 71	
Balance uncollected,	5,305 82	
	<u> </u>	\$19,868 38

WALTER H. THAYER,

Collector.

Town Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash Jan. 1, 1915	\$2,257 95
From State Treasurer: Mass school fund (school)	\$921 62
Transportation high school pupils, (school)	660 35
Protection against forest fires,	1 20
Instruction in public schools (school)	32 50
Compensation of inspection of animals.	83 75
Corporation tax, public service,	16 34
Corporation tax, business,	1,465 48
National Bank tax,	216 59
State aid,	364 00
Street railway tax,	554 75
Tuition of children (school)	60 50
High school tuition in special cases (school)	507 00
State highway loan fund,	952 10
County Treasurer: Relocation South Main st., Bellingham,	1,000 00
Commissioners award, Pearl st., Caryville,	129 40
Walter H. Thayer, 1914 taxes,	4,786 10
Walter H. Thayer, 1915,	14,465 45
Walter H. Thayer, abatements 1914, 1915 taxes,	202 68
Walter H. Thayer, taxes on property sold to town for 1914, 1915,	86 31
Henry E. Chase, Town Home produce,	2,126 85
Milford National bank, revenue loans,	18,000 00

O. T. Doe and Shelley D. Vincent, adms., cemetery fund for Emma Chilson lot,	100 00
George I. Partridge, cemetery fund for Clarissa Norcross lot,	50 00
Abigail Pickering, cemetery fund for Daniel Pickering lot,	25 00
Heirs of William O. Rhodes, cemetery fund for William O. Rhodes lot,	40 00
James F. Thayer, cemetery fund for Willard Thayer lot,	50 00
Anna F. Darling, cemetery fund for Samuel Darling lot	50 00
Milford Savings bank, interest cemetery fund,	68 84
Medway Savings bank, interest cemetery fund,	67 61
Lewis E. Whitney, H. A. Whitney, spraying trees,	11 50
Herbert A. Blake, acct. est. Edward B. O'Rourke,	66 86
Public Library, lighting and heating (school)	7 50
Bertha Franklin, fines on books (library)	41
Town of Southborough (poor)	7 00
Town of Princeton (poor)	18 00
Town of Ware, aid (poor)	41 42
Town of Oxford, aid (poor)	93 80
Town of Franklin, forest fires,	7 11
Taft Woolen Co., payment one-third cost of bridge at Caryville,	129 41
Frank J. Dutcher, district supervision (school)	416 67
Eli E. Cook, sealing weights and measures,	12 00
F. G. Atwell, heating at South Bellingham (school)	10 00
F. G. Atwell, tuition at South Bellingham (school)	34 50
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., services extinguishing fires,	46 95

H. M. Bullard, J. H. Fiske,	
Hoag Lake dance hall license,	20 00
Samuel Widiss, peddler's license,	6 00
M. J. Kennedy, town hall rent,	22 73
O. J. Fisher, pool license,	2 00
T. E. Foley, pool license,	2 00
District court, fines, fees and forfeitures,	25 00
Milford National bank, allowance	
1915 check book,	10 00
	<hr/> \$50,333 23

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Selectmen's orders,	\$1,179 31
Overseers of Poor orders,	3,666 28
School Committee orders,	10,305 84
Public Library orders,	346 51
District Court orders,	53 72
One Commonwealth note,	500 00
One South School note,	500 00
L. F. Thayer, note No. 24,	500 00
Note for construction of bridge	
at Caryville,	1,600 00
Revenue loans,	16,000 00
Interest,	837 17
State tax,	2,242 50
County tax,	801 61
Cemetery funds deposited,	315 00
Repair State highway,	159 00
Abatement of taxes to balance,	202 68
Taxes on property sold to town	
to balance,	86 31
Bureau of Statistics,	14 00
Cash balance,	1,123 30
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LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

L. F. Thayer, note No. 25,	\$500 00
Milford National bank, notes 31, 32,	
33 at 4 per cent.; anticipation	
of revenue,	6,000 00

Commonwealth notes on school house	
at 3½ per cent.,	3,000 00
Milford Savings bank, South school	
notes at 4 per cent.,	3,000 00
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	\$12,500 00

ASSETS.

Cash balance on hand,	\$1,123 30
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WALTER H. THAYER,

Treasurer.

CEMETERY TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

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Name of Lot.	Amount deposited.	Interest for 1915.	Amount expended.		Balance Due to Jan. 1, 1916.
Lavinia Taft.....	\$50 00	\$2 00	Paid Lewis Whitney	\$2 00	\$13 64
A. M. Clark.....	30 00	1 20	" "	1 90	1 20
Amos Keach.....	50 00	2 00	" "	2 00	6 58
Olive Cushman.....	50 00	2 00	" "	2 00	6 08
Calvin N. Rockwood.....	100 00	4 00	" "	3 60	4 06
Benjamin E. Marble.....	50 00	2 00	" "	2 00	4 16
Martin Rockwood.....	50 00	2 00	" "	1 80	2 03
Ira Fiske.....	50 00	2 00	" "	2 00	3 66
Fred Sherburne.....	50 00	2 00	" "	2 00	3 61
Warren Lazelle.....	37 50	1 50	" "	1 45	1 50
George Nelson.....	25 00	1 00	" "	1 15	1 03
Albert G. Burr.....	40 00	1 60	" "	1 50	1 97
Horatio Thayer.....	100 00	4 00	" "	3 00	5 93
Alvin Clark.....	50 00	2 00	" "	2 00	2 10
Orlando Clark.....	50 00	2 00	" "	1 40	2 57
Eli Pond.....	25 00	1 00	" "	50	1 05
Henry Young, Charles and George Thayer.....	75 00	3 00		0 00	13 04
Addison Burr.....	50 00	2 00		0 00	4 03
Daniel Pickering.....	25 00	52		0 00	52
William O. Rhodes.....	40 00	68		0 00	68
Samuel Darling.....	50 00	40		0 00	40
Emma A. Chilson.....	100 00	55		0 00	55
E. Barbour.....	30 00	1 20	Paid O. C. Rhodes	65	11 29
Charles A. Mason.....	200 00	8 00	Paid O. C. Rhodes and A. W. Vose	5 25	18 59
Avery Cook.....	200 00	8 00	Paid O. C. Rhodes and A. W. Vose	5 25	18 69
Willard Thayer.....	50 00	61		0 00	61
David F. Adams.....	100 00	4 00	Paid Fred Metcalf	4 00	4 03
Zebina Bullard.....	100 00	4 00	" "	6 00	7 74
B. Benedict.....	40 00	1 60	" "	2 00	1 99
A. P. Eaton.....	50 00	2 00	" "	2 00	2 26
Sarah Holbrook.....	100 00	4 00	" "	4 00	8 30
Jarvis Cook.....	50 00	2 00	" "	2 00	2 60
P. Bryant.....	100 00	4 00	" "	4 00	5 80
Mary Metcalf.....	100 00	4 00	" "	4 00	5 24
Philip Partridge.....	30 00	1 20	" "	1 00	2 00
Clarissa H. Norcross.....	50 00	1 30	" "	0 00	1 30
	\$2,347 50	\$85 36		\$70 45	\$170 83

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,
Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the 6th day of March, A. D. 1916, at 6 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following Town Officers: Town Clerk for 1 year; Town Treasurer for 1 year; 3 Selectmen for 1 year; 1 Overseer of Poor for 3 years; 1 Assessor of Taxes for 3 years; 1 School Committee for 3 years; 4 Constables for 1 year; 2 Library Trustees for 3 years; 3 Fence Viewers for 1 year; 1 Tree Warden for 1 year; 1 Cemetery Committee for 3 years; 1 Collector of Taxes for 1 year; 1 Auditor for 1 year. Also on the same ballot to answer the question; "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?" "Yes" or "No."

The polls to be opened at 6 o'clock and may be closed at 3 p. m.

Article 3. To hear the report of the several Boards of Town Officers.

Article 4. Appropriations.

Section 1. 1, Schools. 2, Poor Department. 3, Highway Department. 4, Permanent work on the Highway. 5, Repair of Town Buildings. 6, Pay of Town Officers. 7, Incidentals. 8, Street Lighting. 9, Printing. 10, Interest. 11, To Pay Town Debt. 12, Insurance. 13, Cemeteries. 14, Memorial Day. 15, Public Library. 16, Indigent Soldiers' Aid. 17, State

Aid. 18, Tree Warden. 19, Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths. 20, Board of Health. 21, Suppression of illegal Sale of Liquors and other Nuisances in the Town. 22, Emergency Fund. 23, Forest Fires and Equipment. 24, "Widows' Pension Act," Chapter 763, Acts of 1913. 25, Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves.

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take on purchasing a Stone Crusher.

Article 6. To see what action the Town will take for additional street lighting.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate money to build a new bridge on Maple Street over branch of Charles River at the North end, or act or do anything thereon.

Article 8. To see what action the Town will take to raise and appropriate \$125 for the George Washington Memorial Building, Washington, D. C.

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate an amount not exceeding \$1,530.65 in payment of all overdrafts and outstanding bills, school expenses year 1915.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to establish a system for supplying the inhabitants of the Town with water, and authorize the construction, laying of pipes and other work necessary to establish said system, and appoint a committee for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing, with authority to make such contracts in relation thereto, in the name and behalf of the Town, as it shall be deemed wise.

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars or a less amount, or will authorize the Town Treasurer to issue notes or bonds to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) at a rate of interest not exceeding four per cent. (4%) per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred in establishing a system of water supply for the inhabitants of the Town and for the construction of the same and work connected therewith, or take any action in relation to borrowing money for the foregoing purpose, or for any purpose relating to the establishing and construc-

tion of a system for supplying the inhabitants of the Town with water.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to ratify the action of its Selectmen in making a contract with the Town of Medway for a supply of water for the water supply system of the Town, or take any action in relation to the foregoing or relative to a contract with the Town of Medway for a supply of water for the inhabitants of this Town.

Article 13. To see what action the Town will take in appointing a committee to draw up a set of By-Laws.

Article 14. To see what action the Town will take in appointing a committee to act as a Finance Commission.

Article 15. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised shall be collected and paid into the treasury.

Article 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of revenue.

Article 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed a Collector, and establish a Collector's salary.

Article 18. To see if the Town will allow any bills that may be presented.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to pay Surety Bond for Treasurer and Collector.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this 8th day of February A. D. 1916.

HAROLD M. BULLARD,
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,
STEPHEN E. SCOTT,

Selectmen of Bellingham.

Memorial Day.

Memorial Exercises were carried out by the Bellingham Public Schools at Town Hall, Friday, May 28, 1915. A complete program of school exercises will be found in School Superintendent's Report.

Memorial exercises were conducted at the cemetery, Bellingham Centre, Sunday, May 23, 1915, by Post 60, G. A. R., of Franklin, assisted by Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans, Women's Relief Corps and others.

The exercises were as follows: The G. A. R., assisted by Sons, Daughters and school children, decorated the soldiers' graves. After Reassemble, a delegation of Sons and Daughters of Veterans marched to the Soldiers' Monument and held services.

Program: March to graves; Taps sounded by bugler and decoration of graves by Veterans and children; Reassemble; Prayer; Lincoln's address at Gettysburg; Song by the Misses Beatrice, Gladys and Mr. Harold Nash; Reading by Miss Mildred Jones; Address by Rev. J. H. Bock; Song by Nash Trio; Speeches by Clergy and Comrades of G. A. R.; Reading by Miss Jones. Exercises were closed by singing of "America."

Memorial services at Rakeville Cemetery were in charge of Comrade Henry W. Pickering of Smith Post No. 9 of Woonsocket, and appropriate exercises were carried out.

The Memorial Day exercises were observed in the cemetery at the North end Sunday afternoon, May 30th, in charge of Michael J. Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy wishes to express his appreciation to all those who generously contributed to help defray the required expense of the exercises. The West Medway Post, G. A. R., No. 130, together with the Sons of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, Milford Fife and Drum Corps, and the school children of the North end in charge of Miss Francis Hallier, formed in line at the Post Office in North Bellingham at 2.30 o'clock p. m., and marched to the cemetery, where very appropriate exercises were rendered. The exercises were opened

with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by a Milford Quartet, consisting of Patrick H. Gillon, Atty. William J. Moore, Atty. James E. Luby, James C. Donovan and the audience; prayer by Rev. J. H. Bock of Franklin; Memorial address, George M. Tucker of Boston; reading, Miss Mildred V. Jones, Bellingham; selection, quartet, "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address," by Rev. John Reid of Franklin; Memorial address by Rev. J. H. Bock; selection by quartet; recitation, Reading the list by Doris Nourse; exercise, school children of grades 3 and 4; song, "Speed Our Republic," school children; flag salute, school children; "America," audience, accompanied on cornet by James Allen of Medway. The decorating of the graves and firing of vollies were done by the Grand Army and Sons of Veterans following the exercises.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

From Town Treasurer:	
By Appropriation,	\$50 00
For scholars' trip tickets,	2 50
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	\$52 50

EXPENDITURES.

Transportation of schools,	\$15 00
Post 60, G. A. R., of Franklin,	10 00
Post 9, G. A. R., of Woonsocket,	5 00
Post 130, G. A. R., of Medway,	5 00
For bouquets and wreaths,	2 00
Plants for vases at monument,	2 20
Programs for school exercises,	2 25
Care of monument and grounds,	5 50
Revolutionary and extra flags,	5 55
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	\$52 50

PERCY C. BURR,

For Committee.

Public Library, Bellingham

To the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham:

The Trustees of the Free Public Library present this, their annual report.

The Department organized March 9, 1915, with David G. Jones as Chairman, Miss Susie C. Fairbanks as Secretary and Miss Bertha Franklin as Librarian.

Five meetings have been held during the year. Miss Florence Metcalf retired as agent of the North Bellingham Branch, and Miss M. F. Hallier acts as agent for the books, at the North Grammar School.

Books have been carried to the branches by Mrs. Alice A. Burr and Earl Thayer.

During the summer the Library was wired for electricity, and the improved lighting adds greatly to the comfort of both librarian and readers.

Many books and magazines have been donated to the Library, notably a collection of 80 volumes from Miss Kate Sanborn, Metcalf, Mass. These donations are a great help to the library.

The Trustees do their best to get good books for the library, books that will wear and give help and pleasure to our many boy and girl readers.

We ask for an appropriation of \$350.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$350 00
Fines,	41
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	\$350 41

EXPENDITURES.

New books,	\$185 69	
Transportation of books,	21 26	
Librarian's salary,	79 17	
Janitor,	5 00	
Heating and lighting,	7 50	
Insurance,	15 75	
Incidentals,	32 14	
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Unexpended balance,		3 90
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		\$350 41

DAVID G. JONES,
 SUSIE C. FAIRBANKS,
 WILLIAM W. WAKEMAN,
 BERTHA FRANKLIN,

Library Trustees.

Librarian's Report.

To the Board of Trustees of the Bellingham Free Public Library.

I herewith submit the annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1915:

The people in our community, the farmers, the workmen, teachers, men in the pulpit, school children, want to know more about some subject, and our library has tried to keep up with their demands for information. More light on all these subjects was realized by the installing of electric lights, and the entrance light acts as a safety first to our patrons.

Our readers are reading more the novel of simple things, quiet in movement, confined to commonplace details, but needle true to some of the elements in life as they find it, for the Book that is Life confirms a wise choice. An outgrowth of the work of the library is the work with the schools which is growing. The response of the teachers with us is a bond for wholesome entertainment and instruction. At the opening hours of the library certain truths arise which have aided our plans and made us more fit to push for the rights of our institution.

Cannot a strong interest turn difficulty into pleasure a leader of men once said? When the Librarian goes home to herself she does not attain perfection in service by the number of books given out to each reader, but by the readers carefully choosing to read something that is near them and within them for self enlargement, few books altho they be, for time and circumstance often wills it so. Hardly a home in our town but has some library user.

Trustees, are we building up to a better Bellingham?

Townpeople hold the answer.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA FRANKLIN,

Librarian.

ACCESSIONS.

Volumes added by purchase,	167
By gift,	80
By state,	7
By Free Public Library Commission,	49
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CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

From Central library,	4,112
From Caryville,	872
From Crook's Corner,	262
From South Bellingham,	204
From Rakeville,	107
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	5,557

NOTE—From North Bellingham and South Bellingham schools satisfactory returns for an incomplete year.

LENT TO BRANCHES.

To Caryville,	306
To North Bellingham school,	210
To Crook's Corner,	185
To South Bellingham,	196
To Rakeville,	80
To South Bellingham school,	96
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	1,073

Books Added From Jan. 1, 1915 to Jan. 1, 1916.

FICTION.

TITLE.	AUTHOR.
August First,	Andrews
Arundel,	Benson
Athalie,	Chambers
Anne of the Island,	Montgomery
Amarilly of Clothes Line Alley,	Mainates
Awakening of the Duchess,	Charles
American Prisoner,	Phillpots
Anne Carmel,	Overton
Anne,	Bjornson
Business Adventures of Billy Thomas,	Ferris
Bent Twig.	Canfield
Bachelors,	Orcutt
Burkeses Amy,	Lippman
Beaten Path,	Makin
Contrary Mary,	Bailey
Clarion,	Adams
Children of Banishment,	Sullivan
Comrades,	Phelps
Cardinal Snuff Box,	Harland
Cynthia,	Deland
Cinder Pond,	Rankin
Coming Back of Lawrence Averil,	Drake
Carnival of Florence,	Bowen
Combined Maze,	Sinclair
Day of Fate,	Roe
Dealer in Empire,	Burr
Duet,	Doyle
Day Before Yesterday,	Shafer
Townrenter's Son,	Hall
Evans of Suffolk,	Farquhar
Flying U. S. Last Stand,	Bower
Felix O'Day,	Smith
Far Country,	Churchill
Fathers and Children, ³	Sangeneu
Following the Equator,	Twain
Fortunes of Garin,	Johnson
Four Feathers,	Mason
Free Not Bound,	Trask
Gentleman Adventurer,	Bailey

TITLE.	AUTHOR.
God's Country and the Woman,	Curwood
Girl of the Blue Ridge,	Erskine
Harbor,	Poole
Haunted Heart,	Castle
Happy Hawkins in the Pan Handle,	Mason
High Priestess,	Grant
Heart of Philma,	Kingsley
Heart of the Sunset,	Beach
Heart of Uncle Terry,	Munn
Hollow of the Hand,	McCutcheon
Hepsey Burke,	Westcott
House of Misty Star,	Little
Hillsboro People,	Canfield
Hope of the House,	Castle
Helen's Babies,	Habberton
House Party,	
Hetty Wesley,	Couch
Heritage of Unrest,	Overton
Heart of Pasht,	Allen
House of Egremont,	Seawell
Holt of Heatfield,	Mason
History of Aythan Waring,	Jacob
House of the Lord,	Steel
Henderson,	Young
His Majesty's Sloop, Diamond Rock,	Huntington
Idyl of Twin Fires,	Eaton
Inner Law,	Harden
In the Shadow,	Rowland
In the Guardianship of God,	Steel
Imperfect Gift,	Bottome
Isidro,	Austin
Island Impossible,	Morgan
Jean of Lasya,	Bower
Joan of the Alley,	Bartlett
Joyous Heart,	Roseboro
Jessica Letters,	
King of the Thundering Herd,	Hawkes
"K"	Rinehart
Katy Gaumer,	Suigmaster
King's End,	Brown
Key of Paradise,	Pickering
Kinsman,	Sidgwick
Little Missioner,	Putnam
Letter of the Contract,	King

TITLE.	AUTHOR.
Little Sir Galahad,	Gray
Landloper,	Day
Law of Life,	Sholl
Listener's Line,	Lucas
Loves of Pallas,	Gale
Little Chevalier,	Davis
Misadventures of Three Good Boys,	Shute
Money Master,	Parker
Michael O'Halloran,	Porter
Miranda,	Lutz
Master of the World,	Verne
Man from the Bitter Roots,	Lockhart
Moyle Church Town,	Trevena
Mary Moreland,	Van Vorst
Mr. Bingle,	McCutcheon
Mathewson Ferguson,	Blake
Middle Wall,	Marshall
Ministry of David Baldwin,	Colestock
My Merry Rockhurst,	Castle
Mary Paget,	Smith
Mon Machiavelli,	Wells
Nimrod's Wife,	Seaton
Old Town Folks,	Stowe
Over Paradise Ridge,	Daviess
Obsession of Victoria Gracen,	Duty
Our Lady of the Beeches,	Hutton
Opal,	
Pollyanna Grows Up,	Porter
Penelope's Postscript,	Wiggin
Primrose Ring,	Sawyer
Passionate Crime,	Thurston
Prisoners and Captives,	Merriman
Price of Youth,	Williams
Quiet Neighborhood,	Macdonald
Quicksand,	White
Rocks of Valpri,	Dell
Red Mist,	Parrish
Rainbow Trail,	Gray
Reaper,	Rickert
Rejected of Men,	Pyle
Real World,	Herrick
Round Anvil Rock,	Banks
Seven Darlings,	Morris
Secret of the Reef,	Buidloss

TITLE.	AUTHOR.
Siren of the Snows,	Shaw
Sheep's Clothing,	Vance
Street of Seven Stars,	Rinehart
Sword of Youth,	Allen
Sandy's Pal,	Hunting
Stirrup Latch,	McCall
Single Code Girl,	Palmer
Susanna Stirs the Fire,	Blake
Spragge's Canyon,	Vachell
Snow on the Headlight,	Warman
Schemers,	Harkins
Sebastian,	Dauby
Taming of Amorette,	Warner
Turbulent Duchess,	Brener
Thankful's Inheritance,	Lincoln
Turmoil,	Tarkington
Turn of the Road,	Frothingham
Three Score and Ten,	Barr
Their Child,	Herrick
Tales of Destiny,	Jordan
Under My Own Roof,	Rouse
Uncle Abner's Legacy,	Verrill
Valley Road,	Foote
Visits of Elizabeth,	Glyn
Voices in the Night,	Steel
Voices in the Desert,	Mackie
Voysey,	Prowse
Victor Serenus,	Wood
Wooden Horse,	Walpole
Winning of Lucia,	Barr
Way of These Women,	Oppenheim
When Love Speaks,	Payne
Wanderers,	Rowland
Woman's Will,	Warner
Who Goes There,	Benson
Wheel of Life,	Glasgow
World's Mercy,	Gray
Young Man's Year,	Hope
Young Man Absalom,	Vivian

JUVENILE FICTION.

BOYS.

Boy With the U. S. Life Savers,	Wheeler
Children of the Dawn,	Buckley
Catcher Craig,	Mathewson
Camp Bob's Hill,	Burton
In the Great Wild North,	Lange
Jack Hasard,	Trowbridge
Lost Prince,	Burnett
Pitching in a Pinch,	Mathewson
Rainy Day Railroad War,	Day
Story of Leather,	Bassett
Three Bears of Porcupine Ridge,	Thompson
Wireless Man,	Collin
Young Wheat Scout,	Weir

GIRLS.

Arabian Nights,	Olcott
College Girl of America,	Crawford
Children of Sherburne House,	Douglas
Camp Fire Girls at Pine Tree Camp,	Sanderson
Camp Fire Girls at Hillside,	Sanderson
Eyebright,	Coolidge
Flower Princes,	Farwell
Jo's Boys,	Alcott
Jean Cabot at the House With the Green Shutters,	Scott
Kings and Queens,	Wilkinson
Lassie of the Isles,	Thompson
Little Maid of Narragansett Bay,	Curtis
Maid of '76,	Knipe
Marooning of Peggy,	Daulton
Nowadays Girls,	Hall
New Chronicles of Rebecca,	Wiggin
Polly Comes to Woodbine,	Walsh
Real Cinderella,	Rhoades
Rebecca,	Wiggin
Reign of King Herla,	Wiggin
Silver Pitchers,	Alcott
Silver Linings,	Rhodes
Sherburne Girls,	Douglas
Three Graces,	Jackson
Testing of Janise Day,	Long

CHILDREN.

Adventures of Peter Cottontail,	Burgess
Adventures of Billy Possum,	Burgess
Adventures of Chatterer,	Burgess
Adventures of Sammy Jay,	Burgess
Child World Primer,	Bentley
Child of Glee,	Plympton
Forty Thieves,	Lang
Firelight Stories,	Bailey
Folklore Reader,	Eulalie
Five Minute Stories,	Richards
In Mythland,	Beckwith
Primer of Work and Play,	Alger
Some Little Cooks,	Hoyt
Stepping Stones of Literature,	Arnold
St. Nicholas, Vol. XV, Part I.	
St. Nicholas, Vol. XV, Part II.	
St. Nicholas, Vol. XXXIX, Part I.	
St. Nicholas, Vol. XXXIX, Part II.	
Tommy Trots Visit to Santa Claus.	

BIOGRAPHY.

Audubon,	Burroughs
Evolution of a Teacher,	Ives
Heroines Every Child Should Know,	Stephens
King Albert's Book,	Hearst
Memories and Anecdotes,	Sanborn
Robert Fulton,	Sutcliffe
Romance of My Childhood,	Adam
True Story of George Washington,	Brooke

HISTORY.

Fighting in Flanders,	Powell
Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution,	
Nations at War,	Abbot
Serving the Republic,	Miles
United States History,	Fiske

TRAVEL.

Austria Hungary,	Melton
Australian Byways,	Duncan
Alaska Days With John Muir,	Young

Belgians at Home,	Holland
Cruise of the Cormorant,	Verrill
Connaught,	Gwynn
Highways and Byways of California,	Johnson
My Year of the Great War,	Palmer
Oxford,	How
Old Boston Days and Ways,	Crawford
Picturesque Hudson,	Johnson
Places Young Americans Want to Know,	Tomlinson
Panama,	Abbott

SCIENCE.

A. B. C. of Architecture,	Wallis
Boys and Girls Ask at Home Question,	Bailey
Book of Baby Birds,	Dugdale
Boy Mechanics,	Popular Mechanics
Bird Book,	Reed
Familiar Fish,	McCarthy
Harper's Indoor Book for Boys,	Adams
Insect Life,	Comstock

POETRY.

Barrack Room Ballads,	Kipling
Bryant Poems.	
Complete Angler,	Walton
Call of the Sea,	Aflalo
Golden Book of Ballads,	Bell
Jess,	
Lanier Book,	Lanier
Letters of Marque,	Kipling
Operas Every Child Should Know,	Bacon
Pentecost of Calamity,	Wister
Proverbial Philosophy,	Tupper
Princess Mary's Gift Book,	Mary
Soldiers Three,	Kipling
Shoes of Happiness,	Markham
Songs That Never Grow Old,	
Under the Deodar,	Kipling

REFERENCE.

Everybody's Encyclopedia, 5 volumes.	
Music Lovers' Cyclopedia,	Hughes
Outlines of Child Study,	McKeever
Practical Synonyms,	Bechtel

Vocations of Girls,
Special Acts and Resolves of Mass., 1915.
General Acts of Massachusetts, 1915.

Lazelle

VITAL RECORDS.

Amesbury.
Cambridge.
Chelmsford.
Heath.
Rochester, Vol. I.
Rochester, Vol. II.
Tyngsborough.

Tree Warden's Report and Report on Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths.

To the Citizens of Bellingham and the Selectmen :

In last year's report it was noted that the Elm leaf beetle seemed to be on the decrease; we find the same true this year, so do not expect that the trees will have to be sprayed.

The Gypsy moths have increased in all sections of the town; in making the appropriations this fact will have to be considered.

In our scouting we have found comparatively few Brown Tail moths' nests.

LEWIS E. WHITNEY,
Tree Warden, Pro Tem.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
Town of Bellingham, Mass.

For Calendar Year 1915

[OR FISCAL YEAR.]



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School Committee Organization, 1915-1916.

HENRY A. McCARTHY, Chairman,	Term expires 1917
CHESTER A. RICHARDS, Secretary,	Term expires 1916
DAVID G. JONES,	Term expires 1918

SUPERINTENDENT.

F. G. ATWELL.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

ELI E. COOK,	CORNELIUS FITZPATRICK,
MOISE CHAMPAGNE,	F. G. ATWELL.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

DR. J. M. FRENCH.

CENSUS ENUMERATOR.

DELPHIS GARRIEY.

AUTHORIZED TO SIGN EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES FOR
MINORS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 21.

F. G. ATWELL.

Report of School Committee.

To the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham :

Your School Committee respectfully submit the following annual report.

The Committee organized with Henry A. McCarthy, chairman and Chester A. Richards, secretary.

On account of the rapid growth of the schools in Hopedale, it was unanimously voted at a meeting of the Joint School Committee held in Hopedale, August 17, 1915, that the time of the Superintendent for the coming year be divided as near as practical on the basis of three-tenths Mendon, three-tenths Bellingham, and four-tenths Hopedale, and that his salary including the allowance of \$50.00 for local traveling expenses be apportioned on the same basis.

Delphis Garriepy was appointed as census enumerator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Henry A. Whitney. Mr. Whitney had served the School department for many years as census enumerator and truant officer, and took a deep interest in the faithful performance of his duties.

We submit, following our financial statement, the Superintendent's report, which is worthy of your careful consideration.

We would respectfully ask for an appropriation of \$7,600.00 for the ensuing year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$6,600 00
Balance Mass. School Fund,	28 62
Heating South school,	10 00
Mass. School fund,	921 62

Transportation of High School pupils,	286 65	
Local tuition,	34 50	
Tuition State wards,	32 50	
District School fund,	416 67	
Heating and Lighting library,	7 50	
Tuition State wards,	60 50	
High School tuition,	507 00	
Transportation of High School pupils,	373 70	
	<hr/>	\$9,279 26

Money received from General Treasurer in excess of general appropriation,	1,026 58	
	<hr/>	\$10,305 84

EXPENDITURES.

Supervising,	\$584 46	
Teaching,	4,454 00	
Care,	742 00	
Transportation,	2,025 00	
Tuition,	1,014 00	
Fuel,	734 06	
Text books,	74 60	
Supplies,	142 27	
Repairs,	416 38	
Incidentals,	119 07	
	<hr/>	\$10,305 84

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES.

SUPERVISION.

Paid F. G. Atwell, 9 mo's,	\$584 46
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TEACHING.

Paid Frances Hallier, 34 weeks, North,	\$467 50
Evangeline E. Calkins, 34 weeks, North,	377 00
Mabel A. Drake, 34 weeks, North,	382 50
Claribel Macy, 34 weeks, North,	280 50
Marion C. Patrick, 34 weeks, Center,	432 50

Gertrude M. Rockwell, 34 weeks, Center,	382 50	
Lottie J. Burr, 34 weeks, Center,	382 50	
Annie E. Bragdon, 34 weeks, South,	467 50	
Lula B. Coleman, 34 weeks, South,	382 50	
Lucretia E. Gale, 34 weeks, South,	382 50	
M. Lucia Waite, 22 weeks, South,	242 00	
Marjorie Rhodes, 12 weeks, South,	97 50	
Isabella M. Hirst, drawing teacher,	135 00	
Deducted from Claribel Macy's salary and paid to the Massa- chusetts Teachers Retirement Association,	31 50	
Deducted from Marjorie Rhodes salary and paid to the Massa- chusetts Teachers Retirement Association,	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$4,454 00

CARE OF BUILDINGS.

Paid Oliver J. Fisher, 26 weeks, North,		\$182 00
Cornelius Fitzpatrick, 8 weeks, North,	56 00	
Eli E. Cook, 34 weeks, Center,	221 00	
Charles Richards, 22 weeks, South,	154 00	
Moise Champagne, 12 weeks, South,	84 00	
Oliver J. Fisher, cleaning, etc., North,	15 80	
Eli E. Cook, cleaning, etc., Cen- ter,	18 80	
Charles Richards, cleaning, etc., South,	10 40	
	<hr/>	\$742 00

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid L. F. Thayer, 34 weeks,	\$340 00	
Poor department, 11 weeks,	110 00	
E. J. Wentzel, 23 weeks,	230 00	
John McCarthy, 34 weeks,	340 00	
F. G. Atwell,	340 40	
M., A. & W. St. Ry.,	650 00	
M. & U. St. Ry.,	12 50	
Memorial Committee,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,025 00

TUITION.

Paid Town of Franklin for High school,	\$560 00	
Town of Milford for High school,	454 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,014 00

FUEL.

North school:—		
Paid J. E. Camp & Sons, 32.575 tons coal @ \$7.05,	\$229 65	
J. E. Camp & Sons, 4 cords oak wood and 1½ cords pine limbs,	24 00	
	<hr/>	253 65
South school:—		
Paid J. E. Camp & Sons, 31.4 tons coal @ \$6.55,	\$205 67	
J. E. Camp & Sons, hauling same @ .75,	23 55	
E. A. Rhodes, 2 cords hard oak wood sawed and 1½ cords pine limbs,	19 00	
	<hr/>	\$248 22
Center school:—		
Paid L. F. Thayer, 28.962 tons coal @ \$7.05,	\$204 19	
L. F. Thayer, 2 cords wood sawed,	14 00	
P. P. Cook, 2 cords hard wood sawed,	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$232 19

TEXT BOOKS.

Paid American Book Co.,	\$32 64	
Silver-Burdett & Co.,	12 00	
The Palmer Co.,	3 60	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.,	2 96	
Ginn & Co.,	2 88	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	5 00	
Edward F. Babb & Co.,	14 57	
Express and cartage,	95	
	<hr/>	\$74 60

SUPPLIES.

Paid Wadsworth, Holland & Co.,	\$17 30	
J. L. Hammett Co ,	96 32	
Milford Journal Co.,	21 90	
F. G. Atwell,	1 00	
H. C. Forbes,	3 75	
Express and cartage,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$142 27

REPAIRS.

North school :—

Paid Milford Iron foundry, boiler grates and patterns,	\$12 60	
John H. Bickley, repairing roof,	38 65	
William V. Flannagan, labor fitting grates, etc.,	5 25	
Oliver J. Fisher, glass, putty, etc.,	1 10	
	<hr/>	\$57 60

Center school :—

Paid Clark Ellis & Son, fire pots and installing same,	\$125 30	
W. A. Noble, labor,	1 23	
A. W. McKinley,	1 23	
W. A. Noble, labor on flag pole,	8 39	
Staples & Gould, supplies,	65	
W. C. Tewksbury, installing lights,	50 00	
Eli E. Cook, glass, putty, etc.,	2 00	
Clark Ellis & Son, repairs on heating plant,	5 95	
Walter W. Lantz, labor,	5 13	
Express and cartage,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$200 88

South school :—

Paid J. R. Walker, one No. 2 steam boiler and installing same,	\$120 00	
H. A. McCarthy, supplies,	2 65	
Sylvester & Brodeur Co.,	21 70	
Sylvester & Brodeur Co., grates and labor,	13 55	
	<hr/>	\$157 90

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Remick Furniture Co., window shades,	\$12 60	
L. F. Thayer, moving piano,	3 50	
Charles Richards, services as truant officer,	2 50	
J. M. French, school physician,	30 00	
J. M. French, school physician, professional services,	4 00	
Patrick O'Neil, cleaning vaults,	2 00	
Patrick O'Neil, cleaning vaults and carting ashes,	4 50	
American Seating Co., 12 desk lids,	12 00	
Staples & Gould, floor oil,	17 65	
F. G. Atwell, 1-3 rental of phone,	3 87	
Union Light & Power, lights,	2 00	
Miscellaneous supplies,	24 45	
	<hr/>	\$119 07
Bills outstanding against the School Dept. Dec. 31, 1915,		\$505 07

HENRY A. MCCARTHY,
CHESTER H. RICHARDS,
DAVID G. JONES,

School Committee.

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee of Bellingham:

The twenty-second annual report of the superintendent of schools is herewith presented.

TEACHERS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS.

There was only one change in teachers during the summer vacation. Miss Marjorie Rhodes succeeded Miss Waite in the South Primary. She is doing especially well for a beginner, and seems to possess marked aptitude for teaching. Miss Patrick resigned at the end of the fall term for reasons which all of her friends will recognize as valid. Miss Patrick's work has been characterized by quiet, dignified efficiency during the two and a half years she has been with us. Miss Ruth F. Brackett, who was secured to succeed Miss Patrick, has studied two years in Colby University and seems well qualified for the place.

The general condition of our schools is, in my opinion, very gratifying. While the work is stronger in some rooms than in others, as will always be the case, the average is highly satisfactory. There is little or no friction anywhere, few cases of discipline occur, and the relations between the schools and the public seem friendly.

DIMINISHED STATE AID.

Our receipts from the State during the past year have been some ten or twelve hundred dollars less than in former years. As this condition is likely to be permanent, the Town will need to raise and appropriate for school purposes a correspondingly larger sum each year. The citizens have, therefore, a right to a somewhat detailed explanation of the situation.

There is a fund known as the Massachusetts School Fund now amounting to five million dollars. The income of this fund is divided among those towns whose assessed valuation is less than two and one-half million dollars. This fund must, of course, be invested in bonds and other securities which are considered perfectly safe. It so happened that large amounts of these bonds and securities matured and were paid at about the same time. This necessitated re-investment in other bonds and securities. The rate of interest on the new investment was considerably lower than on the first, hence a much reduced income from the fund as a whole. It follows that if the total sum to be divided among the various towns was smaller, the amount received by each town would be proportionately less. This explains why Bellingham's share of the income of the Massachusetts School Fund was nearly four hundred dollars less than usual.

Bellingham has not sufficient population yet to be required by law to maintain a high school of its own, though the day is fast approaching when it will be necessary. It is necessary, however, to pay the tuition of all properly qualified pupils who wish to attend high school in some other town. So long as the valuation of the town was less than one million dollars, the State reimbursed us to the full amount paid out for high school tuition. Beginning with last year, the town must bear one-half of this expense itself, which involves an additional annual expenditure of between four and five hundred dollars. This expense will also be permanent, unless the valuation of the town should decrease, which is not at all likely.

A change in the law relating to the closing of the Town's books resulted in a shortage of several hundred dollars for one year. Our share of the income of the Massachusetts School Fund is received the 25th of January. When the books were closed February 1st, this money was received the very last days of the fiscal year, but still in season to be used in paying the bills of that year. When the law required the books to be closed the 31st of December, it is evident there would be one year in which no State money would be received. Some towns made an extra appropriation equal to the amount they had been receiving from the Massachusetts School Fund. Of course this was only for one year, but Bellingham did nothing to tide over this emergency. The School Committee has been cramped

for funds ever since this law went into effect, and while they evaded the issue temporarily, it was necessary to meet it squarely this year.

We are running eleven schools now instead of ten, and the annual appropriation has been increased only three hundred dollars. This is less than half of what the additional school actually costs.

THE HIGH COST OF EDUCATION.

It can not be denied that the public schools are costly. Furthermore, the expense of education is constantly increasing. About one-third of the total expense of running the average town is for its schools. It would be easy to show what the additional money is used for. The matter of heating and ventilating is costly, but State requirements make it unavoidable. The law calls for at least thirty cubic feet of fresh air per minute for every pupil in a school-room. For a room containing forty pupils, twelve hundred cubic feet of air per minute are required. To take this amount of air from out of doors at a temperature of zero, or a little above, and heat it to seventy degrees, requires a good heating plant, a large consumption of fuel, and skilled janitor service. Fifteen years ago, the cost of fuel and care for the Bellingham schools amounted to \$385.71. Last year the same items cost \$1470.49. The sum of \$482 was paid for transportation in 1899 and \$1220 in 1914. High school tuition then was less than \$300. It averages about \$900 now. The salaries of teachers now are considerably higher, and we have three more of them, besides a drawing teacher one day a week.

The citizens of Bellingham have given their schools most generous support. The character and condition of our school buildings is sufficient proof of this to any one who merely passes them. So far as I know, they have never refused any appropriation which has been asked for. These explanatory facts have been given simply because citizens have a right to them.

CREDITS FOR HOME WORK.

There is something of a movement in the direction of giving school credits for home work. Probably this is more common in the West than in the East. In some cases such credits are counted toward the requirements for graduation.

In others, only as an encouragement of the spirit of kindness and helpfulness at home. Of course the school should encourage all good ideas and practices, and it is in this sense that credits have been allowed in some of the Bellingham schools. This is as far as we can safely go. The granting of credits for home work and counting them toward graduation is decidedly unwise in my opinion. To tell a boy that if he keeps the wood-box filled at home he need not learn his arithmetic lesson at school is bad. It is equally bad to tell him if he gets one hundred in arithmetic, he need not bring in the wood. Every child should have both home and school duties, and in no case should either one be substituted for the other. Neither should be displaced nor suspended even for a single day except for perfectly valid reasons.

The above should not be interpreted to mean that there has been any abuse of the credit system, nor that any is likely to occur. I do feel, however, that the average American child is not duly impressed by a proper sense of duty. That he owes a duty to himself, to his home, and to the school is something he does not quite understand, but which it is quite important for him to learn. A sense of duty is bigger and better than any hope of reward. Let us impress upon all the children who come under our influence a far deeper sense of duty, let us show them the "divineness of the ought."

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

It has not been practicable to hold as many general teachers' meetings as is desirable. Such a meeting makes it necessary to close the schools an hour early, or else the teachers are late in getting home. Frequent meetings of the teachers in each building have been held at recess, but these are likely to run over time, which is objectionable.

It is desirable, however, to impress upon all teachers in season and out of season that "teaching is one of the noblest of professions but one of the sorriest of occupations." To be professional one must read the literature of his profession. He must also be progressive. For a teacher to stand still is impossible. He must either move forward or he slides back. He must keep up with the times or he is soon hopelessly out of date. In the West, reading circles the rule. Two or three important educational works

are read and discussed each season. This reading is required. No teacher is promoted or his salary increased unless he can show some professional progress. He must have done a certain amount of professional reading, pursued some course in education, attended a course of lectures, a summer school, or done some professional work which makes him better qualified for his duties and therefore entitled to promotion or to an advance in salary. It has been my constant effort to make a student of every teacher, and in this effort I shall continue.

MUSIC IN SCHOOL.

The piano in the Massey school has been a great help and inspiration. The Grange certainly made a very important contribution to the joy and success of the school work in this building by their much appreciated gift. The influence of music in the school-room can not be readily measured, yet it is very real and important. Many schools are adding a victrola to their equipment, and in my opinion it is a wise expenditure of money. In some cases a school entertainment is given to raise a portion of the funds. This might be done in the North school where there is no musical instrument of any kind. The Sunday School Association at the South very kindly allows the schools to use their piano on special occasions. The victrola furnishes a variety of entertainment and instruction nowhere else obtainable from a single source. I hope we may secure at least one during the coming year.

Personally it is a pleasure to look back upon a year's work so free from annoyances, so full of good will and kindly co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. ATWELL,
Superintendent of Schools.

Report of School Physician.

To the School Committee of Bellingham:

I have inspected all the schools of Bellingham for the year 1915, and herewith present my report of the conditions found therein.

	Center	South	North	Total
Whole number of pupils inspected,	75	95	89	259
Number showing serious defects,	16	27	31	74
Percentage showing serious defects,	21.3	28.4	34.8	28.5
Number of individual defects,	16	28	38	82
Teeth defective,	5	15	25	45
Tonsils abnormal,	5	2	5	12
Mouth breathers,	5	2	5	12
Cases of pediculosis,	0	6	0	6
Sores on face,	0	1	0	1
Nasal catarrh,	0	1	2	3
Speech defective,	0	1	0	1
Lameness from infantile paralysis,	1	0	0	1
Headache from eye strain,	0	0	1	1
Number of pupils vaccinated,	2	6	0	8

The general health of the pupils in all the schools as a whole was excellent. The school buildings are in good condition, and the sanitary conditions favorable. No epidemics have been reported up to the close of the calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. FRENCH, M. D.

School Physician.

TEACHERS, JANUARY, 1916.

SCHOOL.	TEACHERS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	PREPARATION.
NORTH,			
Grades 7, 8, 9,	Frances Hallier,	Sept., 1904,	Newburyport Training.
Grades 5, 6,	Evangeline E. Calkins,	Jan., 1914,	Franklin High School.
Grades 3, 4,	Claribel Macy,	Sept., 1914,	Franklin High School.
Grades 1, 2,	Mabel Drake,	Sept., 1904,	Framingham Normal.
MASSEY,			
Grades 7, 8, 9,	Ruth F. Brackett,	Jan. 1916,	Colby University.
Grades 4, 5, 6,	Gertrude Rockwell,	Sept., 1912,	Framingham Normal.
Grades 1, 2, 3,	Lottie J. Burr,	Nov., 1913,	Normal Art School.
SOUTH,			
Grades 7, 8, 9,	Annie E. Bragdon,	Sept., 1909,	Gorham Normal.
Grades 5, 6,	Lucretia Gale,	Sept., 1911,	Gloucester Training.
Grades 3, 4,	Lulu B. Coleman,	Sept., 1910,	Springfield, Vt., High,
Grades 1, 2,	Cora Marjorie Rhodes,	Sept., 1915,	Summer Courses.
DRAWING,	S. Isabella M. Hirst,	Sept., 1914,	Normal Art School.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, SEPT., 1915, TO JUNE, 1916.

Fall term of 14 weeks begins Sept. 13, 1915, and closes Dec. 17, 1915.

VACATION OF TWO WEEKS.

Winter term of 11 weeks begins Jan. 3, 1916, and closes March 17, 1916.

VACATION OF TWO WEEKS.

Spring term of 11 weeks begins April 3, 1916, and closes June 16, 1916.

Holidays:—

Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following, February 22, April 19, and May 30.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, SEPT., 1916, TO JUNE, 1917.

Fall term of 15 weeks begins Sept. 11, 1916, and closes Dec. 22, 1916.

VACATION OF TWO WEEKS.

Winter term of 10 weeks begins Jan. 8, 1917, and closes March 16, 1917.

VACATION OF TWO WEEKS.

Spring term of 11 weeks begins April 2, 1917, and closes June 15, 1917.

Holidays:—

Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following, February 22, April 19, and May 30.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR, 1914-1915.

SCHOOLS.	Total Enrolment.	Average Member-ship.	Average Attend-ance.	Per Cent. Attend-ance.	Days of Actual Schooling.	Under 5 Years of Age.	5 to 7 Years of Age.	7-14 Years of Age.	14-16 Years of Age.	Over 16 Years of Age.	Total Days of Absence.	Instances of Tardiness.	Of Dismissal.	Number of Truants.	Cases of Corporal Punishment.	Visits by Superintendent.	By School Physician.	By Others.
North Grammar	25	25.04	24.07	93.11	169.5	0	0	19	4	2	159	2	20	0	0	29	1	1
North Sub-Grammar	23	22.74	21.45	94.35	169.5	0	0	21	2	0	227	60	13	0	0	28	1	12
North Intermediate	22	22.08	20.91	93.98	169.5	0	0	22	0	0	227	32	7	0	1	13	1	21
North Primary	23	20.84	18.61	90.12	169.5	0	10	13	0	0	331	7	2	0	0	24	1	5
Massey Grammar	26	20.06	17.79	87.88	169.0	0	0	16	10	0	469	68	32	3	13	37	1	23
Massey Intermediate	34	33.93	31.76	93.71	169.0	0	0	34	0	0	371	36	15	0	6	38	1	50
Massey Primary	41	35.11	31.10	88.02	168.5	0	17	24	0	0	503	13	7	0	1	36	1	33
South Grammar	21	16.72	15.53	92.22	170.0	0	0	15	6	0	232	23	25	0	0	31	1	142
South Sub-Grammar	26	22.07	20.66	93.74	170.0	0	0	24	2	0	241	60	43	4	7	23	1	99
South Intermediate	35	24.28	21.75	89.58	170.0	0	0	35	0	0	386	129	15	4	5	8	1	96
South Primary	49	39.46	30.70	77.80	170.0	1	20	28	0	0	966	125	19	2	2	18	1	28
Summaries and averages	325	282.33	254.33	90.68	169.5	1	47	251	24	2	4112	555	198	13	35	285	11	515

ROLL OF HONOR, 1914-1915.

SEVEN TERMS.

North Grammar—Addison Spear.
Massey Primary—Ralph Sanderson.

SIX TERMS.

North Sub-Grammar—Eva Brooks.
Massey Intermediate—Rilla Sanderson, Alice Sanderson.
Massey Primary—Charles E. Sanderson.
South Grammar—Harriet Wales.

FOUR TERMS.

North Intermediate—Rose Brooks.

THREE TERMS.

North Sub-Grammar—Timothy Allen.
Massey Intermediate—Roy Davis, LeRoy Moore, Clarence Bourcier.
Massey Primary—Lillian Stuart.
South Grammar—Ruth Rhodes.

FALL AND WINTER TERMS.

North Sub-Grammar—Francis Murphy.
South Grammar—Marion I. Perkins.
South Sub-Grammar—Frank Care, Charlotte Rhodes.

FALL AND SPRING TERMS.

North Sub-Grammar—Mary Cibello.
North Intermediate—Lena Cibello, Vera Esty.
North Primary—Leo Smith.
Massey Grammar—Myrtle Migneault, Margaret Nordstrom.

South Sub-Grammar—Eloise Rhodes.

South Intermediate—Doris Rhodes, Marion Rhodes.

WINTER AND SPRING TERMS.

North Grammar—Mark McMahon, May Allen, Myra Dee, Mary Kennelly.

Massey Intermediate—Elizabeth Dawley, Martin Calkin.

South Grammar—George C. Rhodes.

South Intermediate—Evan Lariviere.

FALL TERM.

North Grammar—Harold Burke.

North Sub-Grammar—Louis Cibello, Tony Cibello.

North Intermediate—Laura Fitzpatrick.

North Primary—Olive Burke, Alfred Bodreau, Jennie Riviers, Lucy Smith, Albert Paul.

Massey Grammar—Virginia Wakeman, Alvin Moore, Napoleon Rattie, Bennett Stusse.

Massey Intermediate—Beatrice Byron, Merna Van Buskirk.

South Grammar—Marguerite L. Unwin.

WINTER TERM.

North Grammar—Mildred Dee, Alice Kelliher.

North Sub-Grammar—Helen Kelliher, Anna Brooks, Lena Hefferman.

South Grammar—Ruth J. Care, Herbert L. Mowry.

South Sub-Grammar—Octave Bousquet, David Gelinas, Mary Lariviere.

South Intermediate—Mildred Mowry.

South Primary—Raoul La Plante.

SPRING TERM.

North Grammar—George Edwards, Harold Lepsett, Rita Kennelly, Helen Smith.

North Intermediate—Ernest Hebert.

North Primary—Michael Kelliher, Eugene Please.

Massey Grammar—Victor Bourcier, Claire Bourcier,
Henry Johnson,

Massey Intermediate—Lindreth Roberts.

Massey Primary—Florence Bourcier, Gladys Cooke,
Frances Palmer, Grace Roberts, Thomas Byron, Lester
Felton, George Smithlin.

South Grammar—Irma Crooks.

South Sub-Grammar — Peter Korabrowski, Richard
Gill.

South Primary—Roland Berthiaume, Hervey Prefoun-
tain.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES, BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TOWN HALL, BELLINGHAM,
FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1915.

March to Soldiers' Monument	
Music,	Speed Our Republic
	Schools.
Recitation,	Our Country
	Richard Gill.
Exercise	
	Massey Primary.
Recitation,	Reading the List
	Doris Nourse.
Music,	Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean
	Schools.
Exercise	
	South Primary.
Exercise,	The Flowers We Gather
	North Intermediate.
Recitation,	Warren's Address
	Victor Bourcier.
Exercise,	The Song of the Camps
	South Intermediate.
Music,	Battle-Cry of Freedom
	Schools.
Exercise,	Memorial Flowers
	North Primary.
Recitation,	Lincoln's Gettysburg Address
	Martin Calkin.
Recitation,	Angel of Peace
	Harold Burke.
Song,	To Thee, O Country
	Massey School.
Recitation,	Sleep, Soldier, Sleep
	Harriet A. Wales.
Music,	America
	Audience and Schools.
Benediction,	Rev. W. W. Wakeman

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